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Peres describes life as peacemaker

Alice Chu

Assistant News Editor

This Wednesday, Drew hosted former Prime Minister of Israel Shimon Peres at a luncheon held in the Simon Forum.

During a program—which included remarks by University President Tom Kean, Rabbi Bruce Bromberg Seltzer and a question-and-answer session moderated by senior Marc Fungard—the 1994 Nobel Peace Prize winner spoke of the development of Israel's global relationships and related a glimpse of its future.

Before an audience of approximately 500-600 students and guests, Peres delivered a talk which began with an incisive look at today's world and then related his experiences in creating the historic peace accords and discussed life as an Israeli politician. He concluded with a call for strengthening the bonds between the United States and Israel.

Active in Israeli politics since his appointment as Director General for the Ministry of Defense when he was only in his 20s, Peres spoke of the changes he observed over the past 50 years.

He illustrated these changes by describing the fall of the Soviet Union, a country which he viewed as having fallen "out of step with the changing world."

Peres said, "Information is blowing like the wind. We are meeting a world where the sources of strength are not material but are really on the level of science, of information, of education. Russia, still insisting on the material,

is becoming poorer and poorer."

Territorially speaking, Peres said, Russia is 1,000 times the size of Israel, and its water resources are much more abundant. However, Israel is currently exporting food while Russia is being forced to import.

"An Israeli cow produces three times the milk of a Communist cow," Peres said jokingly.

Peres also described the lack of limitations in today's world. He said a missile is not impressed by the boundaries imposed by countries.

Similarly, it is not conditioned by the time element, since it takes only six minutes for a bomb to travel between the United States and Russia.

According to Peres, the size of the land cannot be compared with the size of the damage from a nuclear bomb.

"We have reached an understanding that we have to change our orders," Peres said. "The old institutions and strategies are no longer relevant."

Peres then spoke of the peace-making process in Israel. He prefaced it by relating some of the history of the Jewish people, who, after being in existence for 3,000 years, have never had a history of dominating others. To put an end to war, Peres said, was a historic and moral choice.

Peres shared some of the steps he learned during the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations. First, he said, was the necessity of creating a partner with whom to negotiate.

When the peacemaking talks began, the Palestinian Libera-



STEVE GARZA

On Wednesday, Drew hosted former Prime Minister of Israel Shimon Peres. Peres, standing behind the American and Israeli flags, spoke of the development of Israel's global relationships. He also discussed the peace process and the strengthening of ties between the United States and Israel.

tion Organization (PLO) was actively engaged in acts of terrorism, yet Israel had to recognize them as equals in order to effectively accomplish anything. The second obstacle, Peres said, was to accurately calculate the partnership.

"When you negotiate with yourself, you are always so brilliant," Peres said. "The trouble begins after you find a partner, when you have to be willing to make compromises and concessions."

He likened the process to mar-

riage, saying that the difficulty occurs "after the lady appears in white down the aisle, with flowers in her hand."

The past 12 to 14 months have been a turbulent time in Israel, beginning with the assassination of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, and followed by acts of

anti-Israeli terrorism, aggressive religious conflict and this summer's hotly contested prime minister elections during which Peres' Labor party lost to current Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud party. Peres shared his reflections on the hap-

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Space Committee evaluates housing

Airaj Fasiuddin

Staff Writer

The University Space Committee is considering sites for additional housing for the fall of 1997. The committee is evaluating several possibilities, but no decisions have been made yet.

The Building and Grounds Committee of the Board of Trustees asked the University Space Committee to compile a list of options to meet the anticipated need of approximately 60 additional living spaces. The extra residence areas will be needed next year as an influx of new students enters the University.

Considering the retention rate, an expected 360 to 370 freshmen will replace 240 graduating seniors next fall.

The University Space Committee—consisting of members from the College of Liberal Arts (CLA), Graduate School and Theological School—is hoping to find a means of creating housing without greatly disturbing students from any of the three schools.

Seniors Pat Aylward and Cathy Cerbo are the student represen-

tatives from the CLA on the committee.

The committee's suggestions included condensing current housing, but this step would create a relatively small number of new spaces. Another option is the conversion of Asbury Hall into an undergraduate residence hall. The building is currently used to house single graduate and theological students.

"This would create 65 college beds but would displace just as many other students," Aylward said.

A more promising possibility is the conversion of one or both of the townhouses on campus into undergraduate housing. An apartment in these buildings has the capacity to house several undergraduates, compared to one graduate or theological student.

Off-campus housing is also currently an option for creating the additional living spaces. Buildings on Glenwild Road and Loantaka Way, roads peripheral to campus, are being considered.

Most of the lounge space that was converted into rooms in several residence halls last August will be returned by next fall.

Sophomores' midnight madness



MELISSA GERARDI

The sophomore class sponsored a midnight brunch and dance on Saturday night. The event was open to the entire sophomore class. They danced the night away and ended with a brunch catered by daka.

NEWSBRIEFS



Krieger essay contest

The Armenian American Society for Studies on Stress & Genocide (AASSSG) is holding its second annual Krieger essay contest for high school and college students. The essay subject is: "What the legacy of genocide means to me."

Eligibility and submission criteria are the following. Students must be enrolled in high school (grades 10 to 12) or college or at university level and they must be residents of New York, New Jersey or Connecticut. Essays must also include social, psychological, philosophical or human rights perspectives, focusing on both current and past genocides. Please include a cover letter indicating your name, address, age, year of study and name of school.

Entries must be postmarked no later than Jan. 31, 1997, and mailed to Dr. Anie Sanantz Kalayjian, 130 West 79th St., New York, NY 10024.

Ariel dance

Ariel presents "Sabor Caribeno," a semi-formal dinner dance to be held Saturday, Nov. 23. The dance will be held between 8 p.m. and 2 a.m. in UC 107. There will be Latino music provided by a live band and DJ. The food is being catered by La Concha Restaurant. There is no fee for Drew students who sign up at the UC Desk by Tuesday. After Tuesday, students pay \$5 with ID. For more ticket information, call Yami at x4363 or Diana at x4323. A dance workshop will also be held for anyone who wants to learn the merengue, salsa and bachata Thursday at 7 p.m. in UC 107.

USA Today

USA Today is holding a search for the nation's best college students. The criteria are designed to find students who excel not only in academics but also in leadership roles on and off campus. Selected students will be featured in a two-page, color package in the newspaper. Twenty members of the first team will receive a \$2,500 cash award. If you meet the guidelines, please stop by BC 114 for a nomination form. Sixty students will be named to the 1997 All-USA Academic Team. Nominations must be postmarked by Saturday, Nov. 30.

King Human Rights Award

Nominations are being cepted for the Tenth Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. award. Nominees should be people whose life work has shown commitment to human rights. The deadline for nominations is this Sunday, and they can be sent to Wendy Menedez via e-mail.

Experts speak about development in India

Derek Ziegler
News Editor

While capitalism has been the preferred model for developing countries, the experience of Kerala, a region of India, shows that a different route to development is possible. In Kerala the government has taken an egalitarian approach that emphasizes literacy and adequate health care above large industrial complexes.

Tuesday night in Learning Center 28, two experts on Kerala from Montclair State University spoke about the area's unorthodox path to full literacy and a high quality of life.

Professor of Sociology Barbara Chasin and Professor of Anthropology Richard Franke interspersed analysis with a slide presentation. After their lecture, the professors answered questions from an audience of about 30.

Kerala is a subtropical region of India located on its southwest coast, and it has only three and a half percent of India's population. According to Franke, although Kerala has a low per capita income, it has a 100 percent literacy rate and a lower infant mortality rate than African-Americans in Washington, DC.

Franke said this high quality of life could be attributed to several factors. First, land reform in Kerala abolished tenancy. Second, Kerala has strong trade unions and a system of pension for retired workers, as well as a high degree of government involvement.

Franke also spoke about "appropriate technology" which is technology that is more labor-intensive and focuses more on job creation than on making profits. This technology also causes less environmental degradation than other types of industry.

One company Franke praised as using appropriate technology is the Kerala Dinesh Beedi (KDB) cigarette company. KDB is a cooperative owned by its workers, and although it pays the highest wages in India, it still turns a profit.

According to Franke, "KDB makes a profit because they do not pay money to individuals and groups outside their organization."

Currently, KDB is seeking to diversify its production, but ultimately decisions about the company's future will be made by its employees.

Beginning in 1987, the government of Kerala also sponsored initiatives to improve the status of its people. While the left wing developed many of these initiatives, the conservative Congress Party is also proud of Kerala's record of achievement, Franke said.

According to Chasin, the Kerala State Science Project (KSSP) is not part of any political party, but seeks to educate the people of Kerala about science. It also looks to develop grassroots appropriate technology.

Chasin said KSSP has involved villagers in development projects by training them to draw maps of their area, which are synthesized to create environmental appraisal maps.

These maps are used to determine where canals should be located, and the project creates employment for the villagers.

According to Franke, KSSP has also been involved in a project to install high-efficiency stoves in villages. "Traditional Indian cooking leads to domestic pollution," he said. "This especially takes its toll on female victims, who do most of the cooking in Kerala."

Both Chasin and Franke emphasized the importance of political involvement in Kerala. While unions are active and will fight for workers' rights, Franke said the region is still desirable for business. "Kerala has a reputation for being too militant, but its infrastructure is better than other parts of the country," Franke said.

Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. in LC 28, the economics department and the Asian studies department will sponsor another lecture on Kerala, focusing on the role of women in Kerala's economy.

Author visits campus



STEVE GARZA

Author Benilde Little shakes hands with a fan last Sunday in Mead Hall. Little signed copies of her latest book, *Good Hair and Other Plantation Baggage*. Little's visit was sponsored by the Morris County Chapter of Link, Inc., the African/African-American Studies Department and the Women's Studies Department.

University receives recycling recognition

Charles E. Toms
Staff Writer

As recognition for its campus-wide recycling program, the University received the Recycler of the Year Award from the Morris County Utilities Association. Drew also received mention in the Oct. 29 edition of the *Newark Star-Ledger* for its food recycling program. "Drew recycles 60 percent of their total garbage," Environmental Services Manager Albert DiGuilio said.

In 1984, while Governor of New Jersey, University President Tom Kean signed a law mandating recycling in the state. Ten years later, Drew launched its own recycling program, which is composed of much more than is prescribed by the state. "In 1994, Vice President of Finance & Business Affairs Mike McKitish challenged me to see who could recycle more—Facilities or his office," DiGuilio said.

The University produces about nine tons of waste in the Commons per month. "We assessed the waste in the Commons and found that 30 percent of it was food, and 15 percent was the grease used for cooking,"

DiGuilio said. Drew used to have this waste disposed of at a price of \$110 per ton.

Now the University recycles food and grease at a cost of \$40 per ton. After the food moves on the conveyor belt into the back room of the Commons, workers separate non-recyclable garbage and food.

"The food is sent to a grinder, which cuts it into tiny shreds," DiGuilio said. "This goes to a pig farm. The food is tested monthly for bacteria and other things. The University sells 800 pounds of cooking grease to a Newark company, who resells it to cosmetic companies."

The University recycles other organic materials as well, including leaves. Facilities is currently removing all the leaves from the paths and grassy areas. "Some students wondered why we collected all the leaves from the ground, instead of keeping the 'forest' image," DiGuilio said. "We compost the leaves and use it as humus."

The University also recycles numerous other items. According to DiGuilio, "There are recycling bins in every residence hall. The paper waste is removed by BFI."

Drew also recycles bulky waste and chemicals such as chairs, desks, batteries, tires, corrugated cardboard, motor oil and chlorofluorocarbons.

Since it started its recycling program, Drew has cut trash removal costs by \$41,500, from \$126,500 to \$85,000. DiGuilio said the student body deserves credit for its efforts. "A lot has to do with the students," he said. "We just collect it."

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Holocaust conference



Holocaust survivors related their experiences during a one-day conference Thursday. The event was sponsored by Drew's Center for Holocaust Studies and the Center for History of the Book.

STEVE GARZA

University reviews new Theme House locations

Charles E. Toms
Staff Writer

This month the Theme House Review Committee will be meeting to review the current theme houses and accept applications for any proposed theme houses.

The Committee consists of eight members. Professors of English Wendy Kolmar and Sandra Jamieson represent the faculty; Manager of Residence Life Andrew Steiner and Resident Director Mark Sapara are the representatives from the Office of Residence Life. Director of Housing Jeff Zeigler represents the Housing Office.

Senior Karen Hudson and junior Chris Capitini were sent by the Student Government Association and junior Janine Calabro is the student representative for the theme houses.

The theme houses were last reviewed three years ago. "This is a bi-annual process," Steiner said. "It's supposed to occur every two years. However, because of some changes in administration, it didn't occur last year."

Currently there are five theme houses: the Umoja House, La Casa Hispanica, the Earth House, the Womyn's Concerns House and the ASiA Tree House.

Each of the theme houses has a faculty advisor and is obliged to provide University-wide programming relating to their theme.

The committee's main purpose is to decide what the theme houses will be for the next two years.

While there are currently five theme houses on campus, Hudson said that this is not necessarily the number of theme houses that will be set up for next year.

All options presented to the

Committee will be carefully considered and each application will be given equal consideration.

"I want to emphasize that we are not, as many students think, reviewing whether theme houses should continue to exist," Hudson said. "We are reviewing to see what theme houses are staying, and if there will be any new ones."

Calabro added, "There is no question that theme houses will remain in existence."

The Committee has not yet met, and most of the decision-making process will take place next semester.

"We're waiting to hear from the Space Committee about how many houses will be offered and what buildings will be used," Hudson said.

Since Haselton Hall was originally built for theme housing, Hudson said that there was a possibility it would be used for that purpose.

During the review process, one application from each proposed theme house will be accepted. The application will then be presented and reviewed by the Theme House Committee.

According to Calabro, "Our main goal is to strengthen the theme houses, to rethink their purposes and to look over their programs."

"We don't know which theme houses will be here next year because the application process has yet to begin, and the Board of Trustees has not told us yet how much space will be allowed for theme houses next year," Steiner said.

The deadline for theme house applications is Feb. 10. Anybody interested in living in a theme house should contact the Office of Residence Life.

Panel discusses peace prospects

Steven A. DeLuca
Staff Writer

Monday afternoon, a panel discussion about the Middle East was held in Learning Center 28. Five professors from different disciplines discussed the past, present and future of the area. The event was a prelude to former Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres' speech Wednesday.

The featured professors were Assistant Professor of Economics Nora Colton, Professor of History David Kohn, Associate Professor of Religious Studies Peter Ochs, Professor of Political Science Doug Simon and Assistant Professor of Religious Studies Chris Taylor.

The event began with a short film about the chain of events that occurred in Israeli politics from the years of war to the historic peace agreements to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's assassination. The professors then gave their insights on different aspects of the Middle East and its role in the international community.

Professor Kohn began the discussion with a description of the Israeli government's structure and policies. Israel is a parliamentary democracy, with several political parties. The two major parties are the Likud and the Labor parties. The Likud party, which gained control of the Prime Minister's seat in the recent election, is the more conservative party. According to Kohn, the Likud party favors a lower deficit and taxes, a diminished bureaucracy and a shrinking the social safety net. The Labor party, of which Rabin and Peres were leaders, is more socially and democratically oriented and favor more free enterprise.

There are several other less powerful, but nonetheless present, political parties. "[Likud and Labor] are the stable axes of Israeli politics and have formed united fronts in times of crisis," Kohn said. The Likud currently maintains a small majority in the Israeli Knesset (Parliament).

According to Kohn, Israel has experienced an economic boom in the last four years. "Investments

are up, the number of investing countries is up and it is a by product of the peace process," Kohn said.

Kohn then explained that, under the leadership of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, the peace process has taken a different turn because of a fundamental difference in the views of the two parties. According to Kohn, the Likud rejects the idea of Palestine existing as a sovereign nation. The Labor Party, in accordance with Peres' vision, is willing to have "a geo-political separation" from Palestine.

The discussion then turned to Taylor, who offered a view of Palestinian politics. The Palestinian community is divided into three groups, according to Taylor. There is the exiled community residing in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, the resident community and those of Arab descent with Israeli citizenship.

The Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) has been the political coalition for Palestinians. Its leader is Yasir Arafat, who in 1994 shared the Nobel Peace Prize with Rabin and Peres. "The PLO is comprised of liberals, socialists, Marxists and Communists," Taylor said. "It has been divided for 15 years among the secularists and the Islamic revivalists." The Islamic revivalists have been responsible for the recent bombings in Israel.

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Taylor then explained that the peace process must continue to go forward for the PLO to maintain its importance. "The PLO's survival rests upon the fate of the peace process. Without it, the star of the PLO is in eclipse," Taylor said.

Colton then explained the economic importance and recent history of the Middle East. In the past, the Western world shunned the Middle East for the economies of

Southeast Asia. After the Oslo Peace Accords, however, more countries began to take an interest in the Middle Eastern markets.

According to Colton, the peace process has improved the economies of Middle Eastern nations. Foreign investments are up, and nations are receiving credit from major international banks. Colton also explained that more resources are being better allocated as they are diverted from the military. "This is a signal to investors that the Middle East is poised to sustain economic growth," Colton said.

The years of war have caused many economic hardships in the Middle East. Peres realized the importance of achieving peace before his country could grow economically.

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Simon then discussed U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East. "Since World War II and the creation of the state of Israel in 1948, the Mid East has been the central focus of U.S. foreign policy," Simon said. He offered three reasons why the Middle East has been such a priority. According to Simon, the U.S. needed to ensure Israel's right to exist in peace, to

combat the spread of communism and to maintain access to Middle East oil. After the downfall of communism and the USSR, the second factor ceased to be a legitimate threat to U.S. interests.

The United States has been very active in the amount of its support to Israel. "We've used military might to protect our interests, as well as better methods, such as

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LEAD EDITORIAL

Mailroom mixups

The United States Postal Service has been the butt of more jokes over the years than any other institution in this country. Sluggish delivery, misdirected mail and, more recently, disgruntled postal workers with semi-automatic weapons have been mentioned in stand-up comedy routines and late-night talk shows nationwide.

If there were a University-wide late-night talk show, the University mailroom would no doubt appear in countless routines. It seems that every person on campus has at least one complaint to lodge against the folks behind the mailboxes, leading us to wonder what exactly goes on back there.

The most common complaint is speed of service. Mail arrives in the University Center boxes weeks late. Even intra-campus delivery takes a surprisingly long time, considering that all one has to do is remove a letter from the on-campus drop-off crate and place it in the correct mailbox.

Package delivery receipts are also slow to appear. Packages often languish in the basement of Pepin for days before students receive notification, indicating a serious rift in communication between the offices.

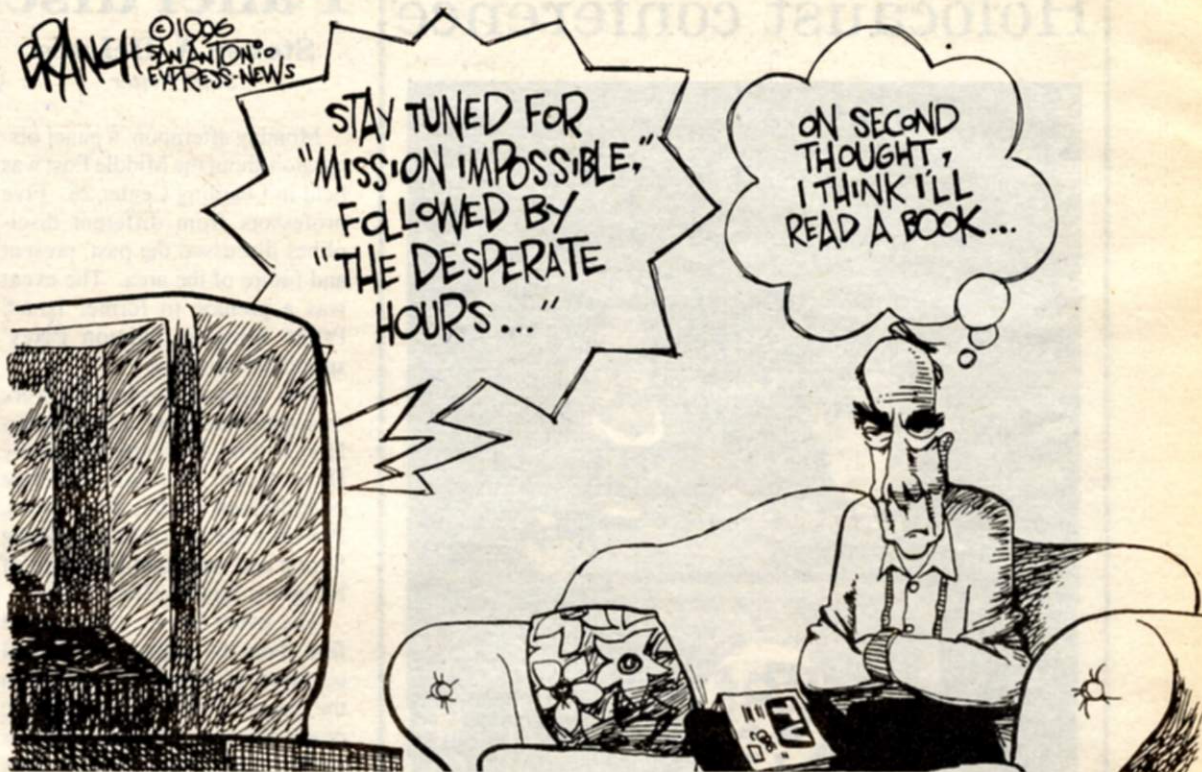
The Acorn experienced the effects of this rift firsthand. A package was sent via Federal Express to *The Acorn* mailbox. The package contained advertisements, which cannot be folded or bent. It is understood that a Federal Express package must be treated with care. Two days passed, and still the package failed to arrive in the mailbox, though Federal Express said that it had been signed for at Pepin. The company which originally sent the ads agreed to mail a second package, which was indeed received—it was folded and placed in a student mailbox in the UC.

Ten days after the original package was sent, this same staff member was met by a mailroom employee. He was told that *The Acorn* had a box full of mail. Among the letters in the box was the Federal Express package, which had lain untouched for 10 days. Mailroom policy, according to the employee, states that a package will remain in the mailroom until a member of the organization comes by to pick up his or her regular mail. No notification can be given. Of course, *The Acorn* had received package delivery notices in the past and had also been told to pick up packages at the UC desk. There seems to be no consensus on policy.

Anyone who has read the du.gripes newsgroup is familiar with the mysterious disappearance of CDs from the mailroom. It seems that mail-order merchandise has failed to arrive in the hands of the customers, and it can only be assumed that they are arriving in the hands of someone else. Now, some have proposed that the culprit lurks somewhere in the recesses of the infamous Newark post office, which handles the mail coming to this area. However, students from other nearby universities have not experienced such problems. While it would be rash and unfair to accuse mailroom employees of theft, it does seem strange that CDs have been repeatedly vanishing, leaving the customers to fend off angry calls from the mail-order companies who insist on being paid for their merchandise.

Are there shady villains sneaking around in the UC, pilfering CDs and redirecting mail with maniacal glee? Or does the mailroom just need to get its act together? The former is a frightening notion, so let's hope the latter is true. Perhaps communication between Pepin and the UC mailroom can be improved so that students receive notification as soon as packages arrive. Or, better yet, eliminate the middleman and send packages and letters to the same place.

No one doubts that most mailroom employees are hard-working and competent. But somewhere along the line, someone is not doing his or her job. Until this is remedied, the problems will continue and so will the complaints.



READER'S FORUM

Criticism of Hoyt-Bowen Halloween answered by event planner

To the Editor:

As a member of the Hoyt Living Council and Hoyt Halloween planning committee, I must comment on Alison Takach's article regarding Hoyt Halloween. The students on this committee worked very hard to carry on a Drew tradition and do not deserve to have their work tarnished by her false allegations. Beginning in mid-September, signs were hung throughout Hoyt and voice-mail messages were sent to all Hoyt residents to inform them of weekly Hoyt Halloween planning meetings. The interested students met and voted to make this year's Hoyt Halloween party open to any over-21 undergraduate students. The information left by previous planning committees stated that for the past few years, only students 21 and over were invited to attend the party.

Ms. Takach stated that Hoyt Halloween is "typically seen as a senior class event." This may be true of individuals who wrongly believe "senior" is synonymous with "over 21." She also falsely stated, "the fact that there are underage seniors was never mentioned at a planning meeting." I do not know where Ms. Takach obtained transcripts of our weekly meetings, but she needs to check her sources. The planning committee did consider this issue on a few occasions and after much discussion voted to keep Hoyt Halloween

as an "over-21 function." All communication via signs or voice-mail throughout October clearly stated it was open only to students 21 and over. Also, had Ms. Takach approached a member of the "damned planning committee," rather than relying on rumors, we would have informed her of this.

Regarding the liquor license, had we voted to open the party to students under 21, the license would have reflected this. Why would we attempt to change the license at the last minute to accommodate people under 21 if only those 21 and over were invited?

It is a shame Ms. Takach did not have such great concern for the "proper planning" of this event two months ago. Had she chosen to come to any of these meetings, she, too, could have been a member of the "damned planning committee." As it was, the students who showed an interest in carrying on a Drew tradition did come and contributed their time and energy to making it a success. These students should not be raked across hot coals because Ms. Takach does not agree with the committee's decisions. She may want to consider getting involved in the planning of these events to insure no one gets "screwed" in the future.

Diana Sconyo
Senior

Acorn's failure to cover lecture indicates anti-woman tendencies

To the Editor:

Thursday, Oct. 24, 1996, Women's Concerns presented a lecture by Leslie Feinberg entitled "Transgender Liberation: What it Means for Everyone." Despite the fact that this extremely well-publicized event was advertised with campus-wide e-mail, campus-wide voice mail, distribution list-wide voice mail, classroom announcements, posters and fliers hung all over campus and a notice in *The Acorn*. The *Acorn*—one of the co-sponsors of the lecture—failed to cover Feinberg's appearance.

I am upset by this not only because my campus newspaper, which is supposedly dedicated to covering campus news, failed to do its duty, but also because of the magnitude of this event. Feinberg is a big name in the movement for lesbian/gay/bisexual liberation, as well as in the field of transsexual and transgendered activism. The lecture Feinberg presented in University Center 107 was a truly unique event, perhaps even the first of its kind at Drew.

The event was open to the entire Drew community, including students in the College of Liberal Arts, the Graduate School, the Theological School, all Drew faculty and staff and Drew alumni, as well as members of the general community. Each of these groups was represented at the well-attended lecture.

Leslie Feinberg is the author of *Stone Butch Blues*, a groundbreaking novel that chronicles the life of a butch lesbian who came out prior to the historical Stonewall Rebellion, in which homosexuals stood up and spoke out against discrimination, harassment and police brutality. This moving book is used in English, sociology and women's studies classes in the CLA. Feinberg is also well-known as a transgender activist and as the author of a non-

fiction book entitled *Transgender Warriors*.

The lecture given by Leslie Feinberg was six months in the making. Due to Feinberg's venerable reputation as a writer, speaker and activist, the honorarium required for such an event was an exorbitant amount: \$3,500. It's hard to believe, but Women's Concerns organized a committee and embarked upon a broad-based, grass-roots and very determined fundraising campaign and managed to raise \$2,500 in co-sponsorships. The following groups contributed to the cause, reflecting the wide range of individuals and organizations who expressed an interest in the topic Feinberg spoke on: English department, sociology department, political science department, art department, women's studies department, Women's Concerns, Kuumba, ASiA, Ariel, Hillel, International Awareness, Alliance, Ceili, Peacemakers, Amnesty International, Psychology Club, UPB, Student Activities, Counseling Center, Health Services, ResLife, Alumni Affairs, President Tom Kean, Dean Alleyne, Dean Lawler, Dean Cucchi and *The Acorn*.

It is a long list, and a lot of individuals helped to raise these funds, but even more individuals worked very hard in raising them.

I was confident that Feinberg's lecture would be given the press coverage it deserved, due to both the speaker's renowned reputation and the truly impressive footwork done by Drew students to make the event happen. However, when I did not see a photographer in UC 107 that night, I became concerned.

I called the editor of *The Acorn*, Alison Takach, to inquire about the status of the article I expected to see. I left a voice mail message, and my call was returned not by Takach, but by *Acorn* staff member [News editor] Derek Ziegler. Ziegler

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Clinton's cabinet empties out

Alright, I admit it. Bill Clinton won the presidency. Not with the 50 percent mandate he was looking for, but he won. For the next four years, he'll be governing the

On the Right Track



Frank Forte
Staff Writer

United States. So what can we, its citizens, look forward to? If his cabinet is any indication, it will be a lot of running—enough to keep Drew's cross-country team working for a while.

Many of the cabinet officials who are now leaving have been ready to go for a while but held out until after the election. Now the time has come. Though lists vary, mine has on it the names of nine high officials in the Clinton administration who are looking for the door:

- William Perry: Perry is the Secretary of Defense and is 69 years old (so much for the massive worries about the 73-year-old Dole at the helm). Among Perry's accomplishments are a tour of Russia taken over the summer and a sunflower planting atop a former nuclear reactor in the Ukraine. This was while American troops were "keeping the peace" in hostile nations such as Bosnia and Haiti.

- Hazel O'Leary: O'Leary has had a number of problems including her use of government planes and helicopters for personal rides and other things which did little to help "energy" in America, however one does that.

- Mickey Kantor: Kantor is currently Commerce Secretary. Among his most notable treaties, he's negotiated a deal with Canada before things reached crisis proportions over country music. Yes, our trade secretary went to Canada

to complain that they were flooding the U.S. markets with too much country music. Luckily, a deal was reached and a major crisis for country music fans at Drew and abroad was solved. We'll miss him, sure we will.

- Robert Reich: Reich is Secretary of Labor, and besides loving unions and union bosses, he loves OSHA laws. The crowning moment of his career likely came about two years ago at a plant in Ohio. Seeking a show, he invited cameras and the press to the plant, strode in and dumped a pile of papers on a desk. He then said that all 10,000 safety violations must be fixed immediately, or the plant would have to close. Unable to fix all those errors in a week, the plant closed. The workers, instead of falling to worship Reich, took out ads in the local paper criticizing him. One person said that before Reich, he had a job and money. Now he had neither, but had this courtesy of laws to protect him. Maybe it can be said he lost his job for his own good, like he told those factory workers.

- Warren Christopher: Secretary of State Christopher is 71 years old. As Clinton said before about Dole, this is clearly too old to be in the White House, so he obviously has to go.

- George Stephanopolis: White House Advisor.

- Frederico Pena: I have notes from as far back as Aug. 21 of this year indicating that Secretary of Transportation Pena wanted out of Washington to return to Denver where he was once mayor, and what a mayor he was. His major pet project, something you might have heard of, was the building of an airport. Now one of the biggest blunders in transportation, the airport was located 20 miles outside of Denver, cost \$3 billion in initial projections and opened two years

late. Its runways are cracking, its multi-million dollar high-tech baggage system not only has major problems, but even when working properly fails to be any faster than the old conveyor belt and luggage cart. Last I heard, the airport was losing a million dollars a day. Just a year ago, after the place had been open for a while, someone realized that, in the planning stages, no one had designed or thought of a sound system for the place, so people with megaphones were walking up and down the corridors shouting departure gates for flights. This is the guy Clinton put in charge of national transportation. I wonder why he wants out so soon.

- Leon Panetta: Panetta was White House Chief of Staff and is rumored to be considering running for governor of California in 1998. Panetta's replacement is not a new face to the White House. He's already tried it twice and left. Now he'll be trying again. Erskine Bowles served as head of the Small Business Administration in 1993 and 1994 and later served as Clinton's deputy Chief of Staff in 1995. He left Washington at the end of 1995, but apparently is returning.

- Harold Ickes: Ickes is currently the Deputy White House Chief of Staff. He is rumored to be upset because he wanted to be promoted from Deputy to Chief of Staff, but the job was given to Bowles. He has, however, hinted that he may be persuaded to stay in Washington if offered the job of Labor Secretary.

Unfortunately, people like Janet Reno and Donna Schallala are not on the list. It seems to me that if Clinton's cabinet is any indication of his administration, if they know something we don't, maybe we should be very curious about the White House and its returning occupants.

READER'S FORUM

Acorn more concerned with anti-feminist columns than news

STRONG, from 4

informed me that he had sent messages to everyone who writes for the staff of *The Acorn*, and no one had been willing or able to cover the event. I was told that many *Acorn* staff members are busy on Thursday nights putting together the issue that will come out the following day.

However, I cannot believe that *The Acorn* never covers Thursday night events for this reason. Ziegler then proceeded to say that I or a member of Women's Concerns could write an article about Feinberg's lecture in place of the one I felt *The Acorn* should have written. I did not feel that Ziegler's proposition was a reasonable solution to the problem, for I am not a news reporter, nor is Women's Concerns a campus newspaper.

Furthermore, it seemed to me that the group responsible for organizing the Feinberg lecture could hardly produce an objective piece covering the event—we already think Leslie Feinberg is great, and it would be difficult for us to suddenly take on the perspective of someone who may not have ever heard the name Leslie Feinberg before.

I also have a problem with the fact that *The Acorn* did not inform me of its failure to cover the Leslie Feinberg lecture and propose that Women's Concerns pick up the slack. I had to take the initiative to call a member of *The Acorn* staff myself and inquire about the article I felt sure that I would see in *The Acorn*.

Registrar's policy for official transcript fees unfair to seniors

To the Editor:

I had an unpleasant run-in with the registrar's office last week when I went there to get a transcript. I'm a senior, so I was told I had to pay \$5 to obtain an official copy of my transcript. I took this opportunity to ask about a rumor I had heard that students in every class but the senior class paid a \$25 fee when they entered Drew to cover the cost of all the transcripts they will ever want.

I was told that this rumor was the truth.

Did you read that seniors? Unfortunately for us, we have to pay \$5 for every transcript; every other student at Drew pays \$25 for all the transcripts they want.

My sophomore year, I spent well over \$50 on transcripts. This year, as I apply for internships, jobs or graduate school, it is not unlikely that I will have to spend this much again.

With this in mind, and raging a little bit at the injustice of it all, and because, contrary to my Mom's favorite saying in her repertoire of Life Truths, I think life *should* be fair, and

Finally, I am irritated by what appears to be the priorities of *The Acorn* staff. Clearly, covering campus news events seems to be less important than filling the paper with a myriad of opinions columns each week. In my two years at Drew, I have seen these opinion columns attack Women's Concerns events twice—once last spring in Shawn Steinhart's article about the Women In Black protest that Women's Concerns conducted in conjunction with the Art Department and again several weeks ago in Frank Forte's criticism of the Take Back the Night March that was part of the co-programming by Women's Concerns and Violence Against Women Awareness for Rape Awareness Week. *The Acorn*'s failure to cover the Leslie Feinberg lecture, which I felt was the best event Women's Concerns has coordinated this semester, and its attacks on the activities of Women's Concerns lead me to believe that *The Acorn* has an anti-woman, anti-feminist agenda.

In conclusion, I would like to say that I speak only for myself, and my opinions do not necessarily reflect the opinions of other members of Women's Concerns or Violence Against Women Awareness, the Women's Studies Department, or the Womyn's Concerns House.

Melissa Strong
Sophomore

also because of the rudeness of some of the people in the registrar's office (but that is another issue), I four-one-one-ed Acting Registrar Horace Tate. I asked him if seniors could have the option to pay \$25 like the rest of the college. His reply was that he wasn't going to do anything about it unless he knew there was an interest within the senior class in instituting this option. His voice showed doubt that any seniors but me would rather pay \$25 than \$5 for every transcript.

So, my appeal is that seniors who want to have the option of the \$25 fee will call Mr. Tate and let him know your feelings on the matter. The registrar's office is x3025—ask for Horace Tate. If enough of us call in, maybe we can make at least one of life's little annoying injustices come out fairly.

Sara Scanga
Senior

On communication

SGA Cabinet

It is often hard for students who are members of the Student Government Association to effectively communicate just what the SGA is doing over the course of any one year.

SGA Desk

SGA representatives are constantly in pursuit of improving the lives of all students on campus, yet the results are not always concrete items. This has been a problem the SGA has faced each and every year in recent memory. The following is meant to begin the process of alleviating this problem of communication by listing some of our accomplishments, ongoing activities and goals for the future.

Many of us remember when we faced the threat of a housing deposit before we could participate in the housing lottery. With the help of the Housing & Residence Life Committee, we were able to negotiate a system involving a letter of intent and a promissory note. That system was implemented late last semester and was highly effective. College students were not forced to make a several hundred dollar deposit, and we also achieved an extremely high retention rate. The Quality of Life Committee was also responsible for helping us keep so many students at Drew this year, as their hard work to identify and improve negative aspects of student life was quite productive. Perhaps the issue which students were most vocal about last year was the parking problem on campus. The SGA quickly put together the Blue Ribbon Panel on Parking which after much research, public input and debate proposed changes to the regulations which have greatly alleviated parking problems on campus.

One of our most recent successes came to fruition only this past Saturday when the sophomore class had a great time at

their dance and midnight breakfast. This success came after the hard work of the sophomore class officers, who are setting an example for class officers to come through their dedication in planning class events. As we speak, representatives from SGA are participating in numerous University Committees in an effort to reach the difficult balance between meeting the needs of all members of our community and insuring that the needs of the CLA student body are being made clear. Whether it be issues of academics on the Dean's Council, issues of housing on the Space Committee or a host of other issues pertinent to the lives of students, many of us are providing student input where otherwise there would be none. Furthermore, there are a number of issues which will require our attention in the future, and we are already taking steps to insure that decisions will be made only after student input becomes part of the process. By next semester we hope to arrive at an approved list of institutions to which we can send Drew students for off-campus semesters, we hope to continue research which will improve the service our bookstore provides, and we are at the stage which dictates that a full discussion about the future of VX-keys is appropriate.

These items are not meant to be read as a laundry list and are by no means complete but will hopefully serve as a starting point for more communication between you and your SGA representative. If you have questions about any of the items which were mentioned above, we urge you to contact your senator, class officer or cabinet member. This type of communication allows members of the SGA to do their job with a much greater level of effectiveness, which can only benefit the entire CLA student body.

Dead People's Opinions

(not ours)

"I do not want people to be agreeable, as it saves me the trouble of liking them."—Jane Austin (d.1817)

"Analyzing humor is like dissecting a frog. Few people are interested and the frog dies of it."—E.B. White (d.1985)

"It took me 20 years of studied self-restraint, aided by the natural decay of my faculties, to make myself dull enough to be accepted as a serious person by the British public."—George Bernard Shaw (d.1950)

"Hard work never killed anybody, but why take a chance?"—Charlie McCarthy (Edgar Bergen) (d.1978)

"It is not true that life is one damn thing after another—it is one damn thing over and over."—Edna St. Vincent Millay (d.1950)

"Animals have these advantages over man: they never hear the clock strike, they die without any idea of death, they have no theologians to instruct them, their last moments are not disturbed by unwelcome and unpleasant ceremonies, their funerals cost them nothing and no one starts lawsuits over their wills."—Voltaire (d.1778)

"He without benefit of scruples His fun and money soon quadruples."—Ogden Nash (d.1971)

"The town was so dull that when the tide went out it refused to come back."—Fred Allen (d.1956)

"Nobody ever forgets where they buried the hatchet."—Kin Hubbard (d.1930)

"Copy from one, it's plagiarism; copy from two, it's research"—Wilson Mizner (d.1933)

(again, not our opinions)

Paltry turnout reveals apathy

Voting percentages signal disgust with system

Depending on a person's political beliefs, he or she may view this year's election as being good, bad or somewhere in the middle. However, I believe there is one



Simply My View

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aspect of this election that should disgust everyone—the voter turnout.

This year, 49 percent of eligible voters actually voted. The turnout, with a few exceptions, has decreased for every presidential election since 1960, when it was 63 percent. While rates of voter registration have increased, the number of people who actually vote has decreased. Our age bracket, 18- to 24-year-olds, have the lowest rate of voting, around 40 percent.

I realize that many people have heard these statistics before. However, since this problem seems to be getting increasingly worse, we need to consider the reasons for it. At Drew alone, I know numerous people who chose not to vote. A few people did not vote because they failed to register or get an absentee ballot on time. However, logistical errors were not the main reason; it was apathy.

As I already stated, the percentage of people voting has decreased for the past 35 years. Even worse than presidential elections are non-presidential ones. I know that in New Jersey, gubernatorial races generally have a 35 to 40 percent turnout; non-presidential, non-gubernatorial races have around a 25 to 30 percent turnout, and worst of all, school-board elections have as low as 5 to 10 percent.

In general, there are two main reasons people are indifferent toward elections: a pessimistic attitude towards politics and a

lack of concern over how the government functions.

Some people believe that it is not worth voting, since they believe that nothing ever changes. This view is common among those who feel left out of the political scene. They may believe that all politicians are the same. After Watergate, America lost much of its trust of politicians. There are many Americans who consider politics completely corrupt. I agree that there are corrupt politicians. But this is exactly why people need to vote: to get rid of undesirable office-holders. Voting is a way that unscrupulous politicians can be removed.

Others believe that political candidates do not represent their views. They believe that all politicians are generally the same. These people are severely mistaken. There is quite a large difference between the Democrats and Republicans. Besides the difference between the parties, there are many differences within the parties. Within both of them, there are a relatively large range of views.

If the Democrats and Republicans are still not acceptable, there are numerous third parties. When I voted, I counted 11 people running for president and seven in the New Jersey Senate race. These candidates ranged from far left, to far right, to those who believe in meditation (Natural Law party). There is a candidate for everyone.

Still others believe that their vote does not mean anything. They believe that they are only one person and cannot possibly influence an election.

This pessimistic view is also wrong. Many elections have been won by only a few votes. This year, Representative Jon Fox (R-PA) was elected by 10 votes out of 80,000 votes. Only 10. If 10 more people had voted, the result might have been to-

tally different. On local issues, the ones that so few vote on, one vote has often decided elections or referendums. If everyone had the attitude their vote could not effect change, where would we be?

While some people do not think they can influence politics, most people do not vote because they are not concerned about it. Quite a lot of people, including many college students, are very ignorant of politics. I know a number of Drew students who do not even know the difference between the two major parties.

A high percentage of the population does not know who their senators and representatives are.

The main reason people don't know about politics is because they do not care about it. I know many people, some of whom are at Drew, who do not believe that elections concern them. They believe that the government's activities have no affect on their lives.

On the contrary, nobody is unaffected by politics. Anyone who works pays taxes. Most college students receive financial aid. The retired and impoverished receive money from the federal government.

All of these people are affected by politics. To add to this, politicians write the laws regarding social issues, such as abortion, affirmative action and gun control. How can people not care about something that affects them so greatly?

The Founding Fathers fought the Revolutionary War and wrote the Constitution to give all of us the right to vote. Throughout most of history, people have not had this right. This still holds true in many countries today.

We must not take for granted our right to vote. Those who do not vote have no right to complain when others make decisions for them that they may not like.

Filling baseball's void

When speaking of weather, winter is by far my favorite time of the year. I love the clothes, the chill in the air and most of all, the beauty of brilliant, white

The Critical Condition

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new-fallen snow on a quiet, early morning. However, the long winter certainly has its drawbacks.

As soon as my joyous celebration of the New York Yankees' first world championship in 15 years subsided, cold reality set in. For the next four months, I will have to be sustained on a steady diet of basketball, football and hockey—sports which I hesitate to call inferior. But to me the other sports are just that: sports, leisure activities that have no real connection to life, no deeper meaning or power.

Baseball, on the other hand, is sublime. The history and complexity of baseball are unparalleled in the world of sports. In theory a baseball game could go on forever, for the harsh constraints of a clock do not exist in this sport. There is no point to a contest where one team absolutely cannot come back to win; even the most seemingly insurmountable deficit could be overcome.

But it is not only baseball's uniqueness that sets it apart in my mind. As any true fan of the diamond will tell you, baseball is not just a game; it is a part of life, a faithful companion that stays unconditionally by your side from March until October.

Some of my earliest recollections revolve around baseball, from being huddled with my family around our antiquated black-and-white television set watching the 1984 World Series, to attending Phillies games at the impersonal cookie-cutter known as Veterans Stadium. I still remember clearly the rush of triumph upon

discovering the Mets had won the Series in 1986, and the wide-eyed wonder with which I viewed each new park when my father, brother and I traveled across the country visiting different baseball stadiums a few years ago.

As any baseball aficionado will attest, there is nothing like the opening of spring training. When I read that first article about my teams, or watch the first preseason game on television, it is as if an indefinable weight has been lifted off my shoulders, my soul infused with new life and vitality. It signals the end of the winter, something no preordained date or precocious groundhog can do nearly as well.

The winter months are therefore missing something for me. Life goes on, of course, but it is different in an almost imperceptible way. At first it is as though a close friend has moved away, but after a while I hardly even notice baseball is gone. There are other diversions; final exams, elections, the insanity-plagued Christmas season. Baseball's absence is relegated to the back of my mind. Every once in a while, though, something will remind me of the withdrawal I experience the day after the World Series, much like a long forgotten scent or song reminds us of past loves.

So I, and other fans like myself, now prepare for the months ahead. I will watch some football, and sporadically I'll read the sports section, glancing at the other articles but secretly scouring for hidden morsels of baseball. I will tuck baseball neatly away and attempt to focus my mind on other things. But if you see me occasionally staring off into space when I should be doing other things, cut me some slack. You will now know where my mind is, dreaming of opening days and extra innings, visions of game-saving catches, dramatic home runs and my childhood dancing before my eyes.

Real world awaits graduates

I just finished my resumé for an internship after college. It was one of those odd feelings as I sent it off to be criticized by a bunch of people who will



It Could Be Worse

Alison Takach
Editor in Chief

get to know me only by the achievements I listed on two pieces of paper. I looked at four years of my life summed up in one nice, courier-font nutshell. And I got scared.

In less than a year my life will be completely different. How it changes depends on forces I now have no control over. It all depends on what someone thinks of me when they read the profile I put together for them.

It's weird to see everything you've poured your energy into for four years placed before you.

It's even weirder to realize that these pieces of paper actually represent pieces of you, and those pieces have to mean something to a name somewhere in some office.

It's my first resumé of many,

I'm sure. I'm sure I'll get pretty good at this profile thing by the time I find a job.

Four years. God damn. I just finished registering for my last four classes the other day. Pretty soon I'll be sent into the world no better than a newborn baby—a small fish in a sea of piranha. And I'll be grasping my resumé, begging someone to see past the paper to look at me, not judge me by the words on the page.

My roommate and I decided there should be a class—mandatory for all graduating seniors—called How to Deal With Life (Reality 101). None of this career center, career planning stuff. That's all well and good, but what about the non-job aspect?

What about graduating college and not knowing what to do when there's no class to go to, no pressing paper to write? What about having to find a place to live and buy groceries every week? What about financial planning and investments and home equity? What about life?

Wow, this is kind of heavy. Sorry.

I'm pretty sure I'm not alone in feeling this way. My room-

mate and I aren't the only two talking about this. It's a common question—what's going to happen to us?

But finding a job is only the first step. You can know where you are going to work without knowing where you are going to be. Kind of like when you first enter college—you know where you are, but not what you're going to do with it.

It's kind of funny when you think about it. All of these classes we take and stress over—what do they mean? After diploma is in hand, will anyone really care if you failed

a test your sophomore year. Not particularly.

In fact unless graduate school is in the immediate future, grades won't matter after graduation.

It's what you do that matters. It's what you do that makes you who you are. It's in working part-time as a waitress or in running the student government. It shapes you. It takes you from a square to a prism in four short years. And you go into the big, bad world with your confidence and a piece of paper that says you belong there.

That's why getting involved is so important. Sure college is about academics (or so they claim). But it's also your opportunity to create yourself and carve a spot here. What you do here is only the first step. It may be small, but it's a start.

Now I am facing the fact that, after all these small steps, I have to take a giant leap of faith soon. I have all the means, I have the words on my resumé to say I am qualified. In a few months I'll have an official degree. However, the burning question still remains: now what?

President Kean's
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be held Monday, Nov.
18 at 4:30 p.m.

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penings of the past year.

On the night of Rabin's assassination, Peres was with him at a peace rally which was attended by hundreds of thousands of youths.

"I never saw him as happy as that night," Peres said. "I knew him for 50 years, but during that time he never embraced me or sang with me. That night we stood together and sang a song for peace, and afterwards he put the words of the song in his shirt pocket. He was a man that served his country with greatness... his only crime was trying to lead his people to peace."

During the elections, Peres said, the country was racked by anguish as terrorist bombs killed innocent Israeli citizens. He described leaving his home for work each morning for three consecutive days, to hear of yet another bomb exploding on a crowded city bus.

When he visited the blood-soaked bomb scenes, he was confronted with the families of the victims calling him a traitor, murderer and killer for continuing negotiations with the PLO.

"Then came the elections, and we lost by one-third of a per-

cent," he said. "So how can I explain this year...? But when you are up, you shouldn't lose your head, and when you are down, you shouldn't lose your heart."

His purpose throughout the year, Peres said, has been to lead his country to a better future. "There is no other way to prepare life for the younger generation than for the older generation to take it upon their shoulders," he said.

In the final section of his speech, Peres discussed similarities between the United States and Israel. The affinity between the two countries, he said, was based on their shared belief in democracy.

He praised the U.S. for setting a precedent of benevolence, saying that while the U.S. had conquered several countries such as Japan and Germany, it had not taken them over entirely. Instead, Peres said, "The U.S. won over Japan and gave it back. It won over Germany, gave it back and even implemented the Marshall Plan."

Peres finished by saying, "My hope is that, together, we can offer our children a better world to live in and a better future to look into."

Afterwards, he answered questions from the audience and at-

tended a brief press conference.

During the question-and-answer session, Peres was asked to explain his defeat during this summer's prime ministerial elections. The fact that he was replaced by the more conservative Netanyahu demonstrated the turmoil of Israeli public opinion regarding peace prospects.

While Peres' peacemaking efforts had enjoyed the support of many Israeli citizens, he had also alienated many of the extreme fundamentalists with his perceived weakness on such issues as maintaining Israel's land claims.

"The right wing in Israel is more energetic and has more assault methods," Peres said. "They were a camp and a concert during the elections." Additionally, Peres said that there had been no distinction made between Arab-Israeli voters and Jewish-Israeli voters.

Prior to the luncheon, he attended a reception and met with some members of Drew's chapter of Hillel, the Jewish student organization. His presence on campus was well received by those who met him.

"All of the analogies he makes are very simple, and yet he says a lot," Director of Jewish Studies Pat Glucksman said. "We need more moderate peacemakers like him."

Lecture focuses on IMF in Nicaragua



STEVE GARZA

Monday night, Ariel, Drew's Latino student organization, sponsored a discussion about the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) loan practices in the country of Nicaragua. While the IMF's mission is supposedly to aid developing nations, the discussion focused on inequities in the IMF's treatment of Nicaraguan loans.

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financial and diplomatic power," Simon said. After the Camp David talks, which achieved peace between Israel and Egypt, the nations received \$3 billion and \$2.1 billion in annual aid from the United States. "Roughly translated: money talks," Simon said.

At times, U.S. policy has been biased towards the Israel, yet since the late 70s, the U.S. acknowledged that the Palestinians' hopes and dreams needed to be addressed as well. In recent years, President Clinton devoted much of his foreign policy attention to the Middle East. Secretary of State Warren Christopher has made over 20 visits to the region.

According to Simon, the U.S. will take necessary steps to ensure that the peace is preserved. "We may deem it in our interests to commit greater resources to maintain peace, and those resources will be more than sending an envoy to help mediate," Simon said.

Ochs then took over the discussion. He noted that the majority of the peace process was based on the ideological work and vision of Rabin and Peres and how much impact Rabin's assassination has had on the peace process. Ochs asked, "Is there any spirit to carry [Rabin's vision] forward?"

Ochs then read several excerpts from Peres' book that illustrate his perception of the fate of the peace process.

In stressing the importance of

maintaining peace, Peres said in his book, "Only a regional peace will secure our freedom from a nuclear threat. Military might is no longer practical for either side."

The professors then discussed current policies and why there has been an apparent stall in the peace process.

Kohn said, "The Peres/Rabin/Arafat approach recognized after 50 years of violent conflict that you need a staged period during which two peoples can figure out a solution slowly and while interacting among each other. Netanyahu wanted a quick final solution."

Taylor then focused on the establishment of more social and economic ties between Arabs and Israelis to further the peace process.

"Palestinians and Israelis never worked so well together, except when they try to tear down the wall of peace," Taylor said.

According to him, if both sides build up and maintain these new economic contacts, it will be much more difficult for them to revert back to the old methods of violence.

Simon said in response, "Fear, paranoia and misunderstandings leading to violent conflict can tear down economic accomplishments very quickly."

The attitude of the professors was one of general optimism that peace will be preserved, yet there is much more work to be done.

Taylor said, "It is not a linear process going from point A to point B in a straight line, and it is much bigger than personalities."

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Skirting mail-order madness

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Who, me?

Myles Helfand
Entertainment Editor

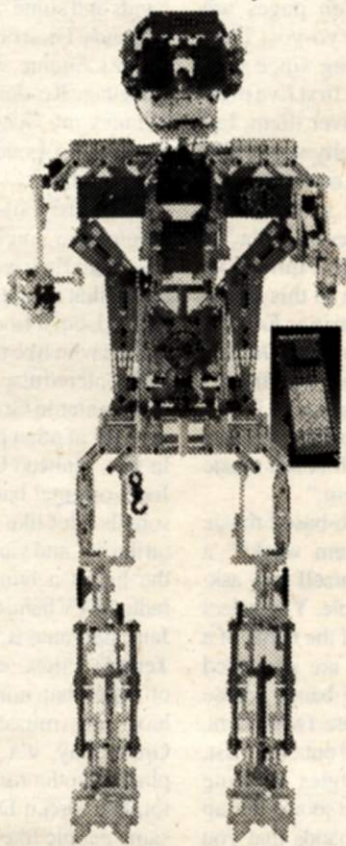
rather, I received a mail-order catalog sent to Yuzuka Fuji from a store called Hammacher Schlemmer (incidentally, Yuzuka, if you want it back, too bad). I wasn't complaining about the error—mail-order catalogs are wonderful things which often provide hours of entertainment and can sometimes offer superb gift ideas.

In the case of Hammacher Schlemmer, however, their catalog provided a little too much entertainment. So much, in fact, that my entire afternoon turned into a *Mystery Science Theater 3000* episode as some of my friends and I read page after captivating page.

The thing with Hammacher Schlemmer, as some of you may already know, is that they seem to specialize in offering things that scarcely a sane person on the planet would willingly buy. Not only

are most of the items ridiculously expensive, but using the word "eccentric" to describe many of them is a gross understatement. Really gross.

Take The Only Remote-Controlled Gas Barbecue (only \$999.95), for instance, which saves the weary backyard chef the hassle of trudging all the way over to his grill to adjust the temperature setting, leaving him free to enjoy his game of croquet with Frederick and Buffy. Rumor has it the remote



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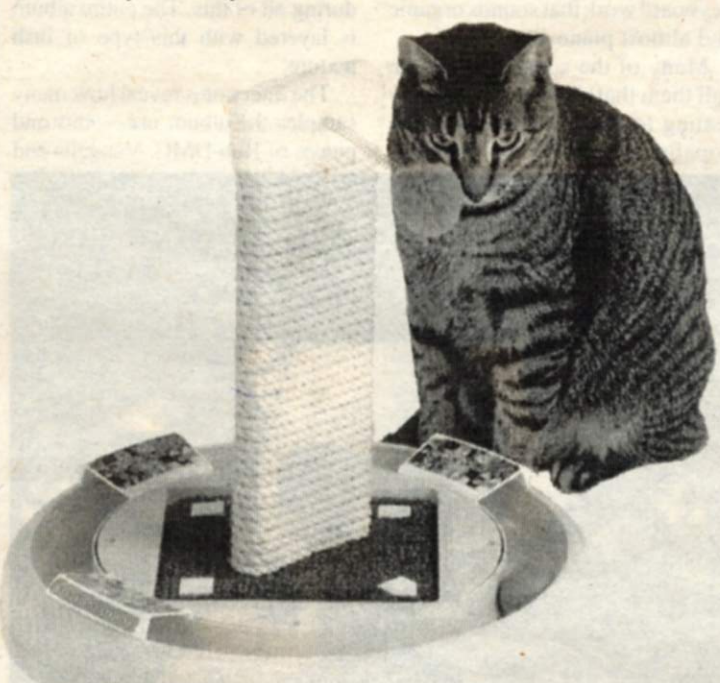
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I will admit that, in some

cases, Hammacher Schlemmer's products are, if not essential, at least pretty cool ideas. Like the Electric Home Snowcone Machine (just \$49.95), or the Home Cotton Candy Maker (only \$89.95), or even The Transportable Satellite Telephone (yeah, it's

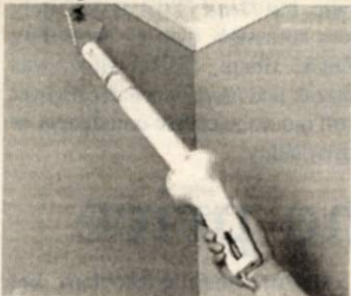
he ever catches you wearing it while you're eating a sloppy joe he'll kill you on the spot) and will be driving around in their \$43,000 Authentic London Taxi Cabs



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Yessiree, you can rest assured that old Fluffy hasn't been happier since his owner bought him the Cat Play Center for \$29.95.

\$4,699, but it looks cool, and besides, I think it was used by those Marines in *The Rock*. But a Cordless Insect Disposal Vacuum? Do I want the peace of mind that comes with "quickly captur[ing] and dispos[ing] of insects at a comfortable distance without ever having to touch them" for



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The Cordless Insect Disposal Vacuum: giving new meaning to the phrase, "Suck up and deal."

\$49.95? I don't really need to touch them with my boot either, you know.

I'm quite thoroughly convinced that Hammacher Schlemmer is merely a front organization headed by Antarctic Communists covertly plotting to take over America's economy by luring gullible and/or insanely rich people (no side comments from all of you over there in the peanut gallery, thank you) into buying extraordinarily impractical items like the Dancing Elvis Presley Telephone by enticing them with award-winning descriptions such as, "Jointed limbs give this 10-inch tall Elvis his realistic range of motion." Yes! I'll take three! Now I'll never again have to lament not being able to see Elvis' gyrating hips every time my phone rings. Thank God for technology.

The solution is obvious: move out of the country while you still have a chance. Nothing can stop them; before you know it, everyone in the country will own a \$449.95 Clan Douglas cashmere sweater (yes, that's right, Clan Douglas made it himself, and if

(actual size), completely ignorant of the thousands of Communist penguins which have meanwhile moved in to take over Congress.

So heed my warning, gentle Drewids: if ever you are approached by someone holding a Hammacher Schlemmer catalog offering a "Roaring" Dinosaur Alarm Clock (a steal at \$39.95), immediately whip out The Only Folding Toboggan (\$89.95 for the six-foot long model) conveniently stored in your Weight-Distributing Shoulder Bag (\$259.95 for the large size), dash to the nearest hill in your Androscoggin Sheepskin Slippers (which you never regretted purchasing for \$59.95), hop on and slide for your life.



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Music breathes in Dead Cities

Music
Reviews



Ike Hull
Staff Writer

Dead Cities

by The Future Sound of London

Distributed by
Astralwerks

Rating: ★★☆☆

When most people think of techno, they think of a repetitive beat. The Future Sound of London's *Dead Cities* isn't techno in that sense. There is no diva repetitiously singing a few lines about wanting to be loved. There is no underlying bass or rhythm that can't change at a moment's notice. If ordinary techno is like the city of Las Vegas, then *Dead Cities* is a post-apocalyptic vision of the city, with B-movie monsters stomping in and turning the place into a work of art, ripping out all the neon, planting cactus and mutated wildflowers in the middle of the streets and erecting vandalized ads for old products like Fanta or Tab.

Dead Cities flows like a river. In fact there are many aural references to water in the album. Often there are noises that sound like an underground river being excavated or the HAL computer from *2001* trying to imitate a dripping faucet.

Dead Cities is fluid. It seems formless at first, but upon repeated listenings, the album can become more coherent, depending on the listener. It's like one of those Magic Eye things. It looks like meaningless dots, but after staring at it for a while, some people can see the image it forms.

Dead Cities is an acquired taste. It'll never reach the Top-40, but if all art were meant to do that, there would be no Greenwich Village.

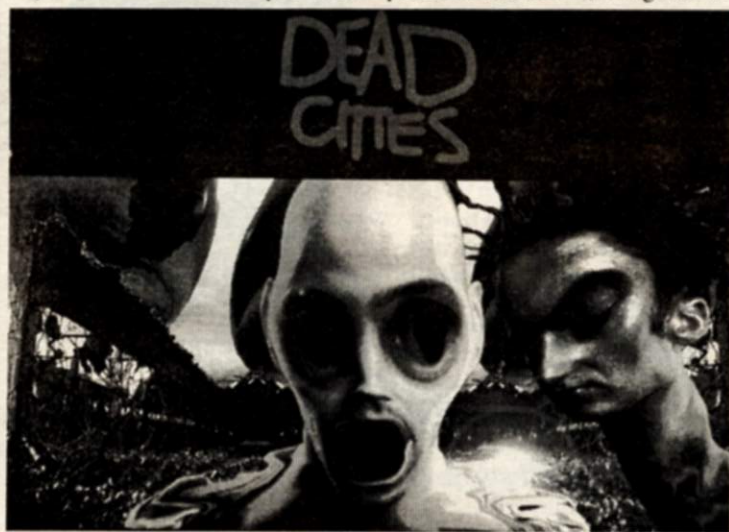
The Future Sound of London's music may be some psychotic cousin of techno, but it doesn't all sound electronic. "Everyone in the

World is Doing Something Without Me" predominantly features a chorus of overlapping voices trying to sustain one high, angelic note. Another song, "Max," sounds like new-age with all the sickly sweetness drained out—a cautiously optimistic piece. A few other tracks are similar, featuring keyboard work that sounds organic and almost piano-like.

Many of the songs (if you can call them that) have a wiry, jumpy feeling to them, a contrast to the hopeful moods of the previous

crystal crumbling. Then several gong-like noises erupt. A real drummer kicks in with percussion, just stilted enough to be unique but not irregular enough to be irritating, while a flute sample from an Ennio Morricone movie plays. Various other unidentifiable hums and cracklings keep the listener's attention during all of this. The entire album is layered with this type of lush texture.

The liner notes reveal how many samples the album uses—bits and pieces of Run DMC, Vangelis and



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The Future Sound of London's *Dead Cities* is a truly unique album.

pieces. The unrelentingly harsh "We Have Explosive" sounds like the Borg from *Star Trek* performing repetitive speed metal. Many critics have cited it as one of the best songs on the album, but it was probably written as a joke, since nothing else here has such an intentionally electronic texture or monotonous beat. FSOL is a band with a strange sense of humor.

Fortunately, several other tracks provide a nice groove, yet are otherwise varied enough to prevent predictability. "My Kingdom" starts with something that sounds like a ghost trying to use a mile-long pencil to write on the side of a mountain. Meanwhile, there's the occasional chime or whispery noise like brittle

Ozric Tentacles abound—but most of them are electronically warped beyond all recognition. FSOL even tosses in what they refer to as "some weird Greek instrument no one can remember the name of apart from the Greeks who are in Greece" and canned laughter from a TV variety show. It all works to the music's advantage. If not for the band's name, the listener would have no idea what part of the world it came from.

All of the Future Sound of London's music is intriguingly erratic, but *Dead Cities* is definitely less accessible than the preceding FSOL album, *ISDN*, which was jazzier and more danceable and yet still did not sacrifice uniqueness or personality.

Striking Similarities

The Internet



Douglas
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The Similarities Engine

http://www.ari.net/se/se_top.html

In the Mecca of short attention spans that is the World Wide Web, it is very difficult to create a Web page that will grab and hold a visitor for extended periods of time. Basically, Web pages are kind of like Chinese yo-yos. They are the greatest thing since pasteurized milk for the first five minutes after you discover them, but after the initial novelty wears off, they become banal, and are eventually discarded in a box filled with Etch-a-Sketches and Wacky Wall Crawlers. Well, I think I've found the exception to this trend. It's called the *Similarities Engine*, and it can be found at http://www.ari.net/se/se_top.html.

As described by its creator David Whiteis, the *Similarities Engine* basically is "the Web-based music recommending system."

"How does a Web-based music recommending system work?" a naïve reader like yourself may ask. Well, it's pretty simple. You select the first two letters of the name of a band you like, and are presented with a list of all the bands whose names start with those two letters. You select your band out of the list, and then some wiggies working behind the scenes will soon come up with a list of other bands that you also might like. It also ranks the bands it comes up with using such grades as "Very High," "High," "Medium" and "Low" to describe the strength of the recommendation. For example, say you really like the band The Proclaimers (and may the music gods help you if you do), and you want to find some other bands that you might also like. You would select the letters "p" and "r" and then select Proclaimers out of the list (you'll find them between Pro-Pain and Procol Harum). Immediately the results would appear that if you like The Proclaimers, then the *Similarities Engine* could recommend the group The Eurythmics with medium confidence and the bands Art of Noise, Dan Hicks and His Hot Licks and Little Jack Melody with low confidence. So

basically if you like bad music, you should also like other bad music.

As you can see, this thing has the potential of becoming very addictive. All you need is some interest in music. You don't even have to like popular music—they have everything right down to classical composers. And everything is all inter-related. For example, fans of George Gershwin may also want to explore Ryuichi Sakamoto, Marc Almond and The Dance Hall Crashers. You can really spend a lot of time entering in all your favorite bands and some of your least favorite bands. I first discovered the *Similarities Engine* when I was at the Language Resource Center—the 90 minutes my Spanish professor requires me to spend there disappeared in a heartbeat.

Obviously, like most things, the *Similarities Engine* is not perfect. The main flaw is that it doesn't find bands that sound like the band you entered, but it finds bands that other people who like the band you originally entered also like. For example, if you enter in Green Day you don't get a list of other poppy punk bands. In fact, Pinhead Gunpowder, Billie Joe's original band which at times sounds a lot like Green Day, is not on the list, and vice versa. What is on the list is a bunch of overplayed radio/MTV bands like Weezer, Pearl Jam, Nirvana, R.E.M., Live, Stone Temple Pilots, etc. It is blatantly obvious that none of these bands have any musical similarities to Green Day, it's just that they are played on the radio and on MTV a lot, like Green Day, so a lot of the same people like them.

At many times you also may find yourself in complete disagreement with the *Similarities Engine*. For example, it suggests that since I'm a big REO Speedwagon fan (which I'm not ashamed to admit) I should also like Amy Grant. I'm sorry, but that will never happen. Many times it is these flaws that make the *Similarities Engine* even more fun to use. Like try telling a die-hard Led Zeppelin fan that he should also like Rush or Pink Floyd.

In conclusion, the *Similarities Engine* is a basic Web page. It doesn't need any fancy graphics to spur it along, it just needs a simple program with a hook that will keep you coming back again and again. If you have any interest in music, I highly recommend this page.

Ransom not worth the price

Movie
Reviews



Helen Geib
Staff Writer

Ransom

Thriller, Rated R

Directed by

Ron Howard

Starring

Mel Gibson, Rene Russo,
Gary Sinise, Lili Taylor,
Donnie Wahlberg

Produced by

Touchstone Pictures

Rating: ★★☆☆

The movies that disappoint us the most are the ones that should be good but aren't. *Ransom* is a perfect example. An excellent lead performance by Mel Gibson, a solid supporting cast, good direction from Ron Howard and an otherwise fine screenplay are irreparably sabotaged by a dismal finish.

Tom Mullen (Mel Gibson) is a successful man. He's built a one-man business named Endeavor Air, the fourth largest airline in the country. His marriage is strong and he has a young son, Sean, whom he loves very much. The family has just moved into a penthouse apartment overlooking Central Park.

A union leader now in jail for

attempted bribery has accused Tom of illegal practices in heading off a machinists' strike, but an exhaustive FBI investigation has failed to uncover any evidence to support the charge. The lack of evidence doesn't mean that Tom is innocent, though, and his guilt will come back to haunt him later in the film.

Tom's life begins to fall apart when his son is abducted in Central Park and held for ransom. The FBI kidnapping squad advises the Mullens to pay the \$2 million. They agree to the terms, but the first delivery attempt is botched by FBI interference. Tom becomes convinced that the kidnappers intend to kill Sean and converts the ransom to a bounty.

The characterization of the kidnappers is very strong. Gary Sinise (*Forrest Gump*) delivers another sterling performance as corrupt New York City cop Jimmy Shaker, the mastermind behind the operation. Maris, Jimmy's lover and partner, is well played by Lili Taylor (*I Shot Andy Warhol*). A communications expert and a couple of young street toughs round out the group.

Rene Russo as Kate Mullen makes the most of a limited role, admirably conveying the almost unbearable anguish of a mother who can only wait for the phone to ring. Brawley Nolte (Nick Nolte's son) as Sean is completely natural in his few scenes.

Delroy Lindo as Hawkins, the FBI agent in charge of the case, is a sympathetic presence whose best advice is to pay the money and play the odds. Hawkins has worked 10 such kidnappings before; he got back seven. When he tells his wife to say hello for him to his own children, he thanks God they're not rich.

The supporting players are good, but *Ransom* is Gibson's movie. His performance is riveting, especially in the scenes in which he is on the phone with the kidnapper.



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Gibson can't save *Ransom*'s close.

He's aided by a script that creates a full and complex character. The kidnapping doesn't exist in isolation; rather, the events play out against the context of Tom's life.

Shaker tells Tom his family was chosen because Tom's "a payer;" he paid in the union deal, and he'll pay now. Earlier, Tom admitted his guilt to Hawkins; the other men at the top had acquired their companies, but he had built his from scratch. He created it and it was a part of him—he would do anything to save it, all by himself if necessary. The parallel is clear.

Shaker has a similarly revealing monologue, a discourse on the relationship between the social classes. He takes the Eloi and Morlocks of *The Time Machine* (a film based on an H. G. Wells novel of the same name) as his metaphor. It's an eloquent statement of festering bitterness, rife with irony and not nearly as simplistic as it at first appears.

The script is also good with the small touches. The media is rendered in sharp strokes throughout, from the relentless TV crews who stake out the Mullens' home to the newscaster who prefaces Tom's bounty announcement by repeating at least three times that it will be a channel 5 exclusive.

Most of *Ransom* is subtle,

hard-edged and engrossing. It is only at the end that the film loses its hold. (Warning: major plot revelations follow.)

There's a natural lull in the narrative about 15 minutes before the end of the film. Sean has been rescued and reunited with Tom and Kate. Shaker has escaped detection and may yet be able to turn the situation to his advantage. It is a moment of beautiful ambiguity. I sincerely wish the film had ended there.

Instead, *Ransom* degenerates into a slick, formula thriller. The lack of originality is painful; the moral stand is disturbing. Though surrounded by police and FBI, it is the victim-turned-vigilante who pulls the trigger to blow away the criminal. Do audiences really demand that kind of vicarious vengeance? Howard's decision to render the last frames of the film in black and white and in slow motion is simply the final injury.

Ransom is a film of good parts and great possibility compromised by a predictable and too-violent resolution. Recommended for die-hard Gibson fans only.

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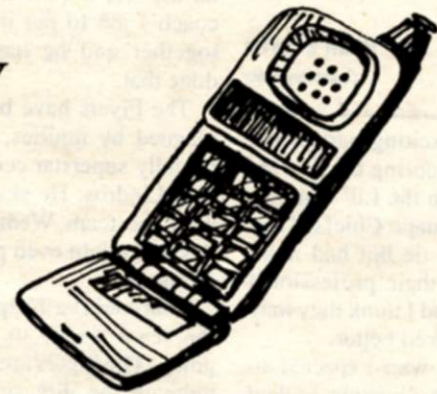
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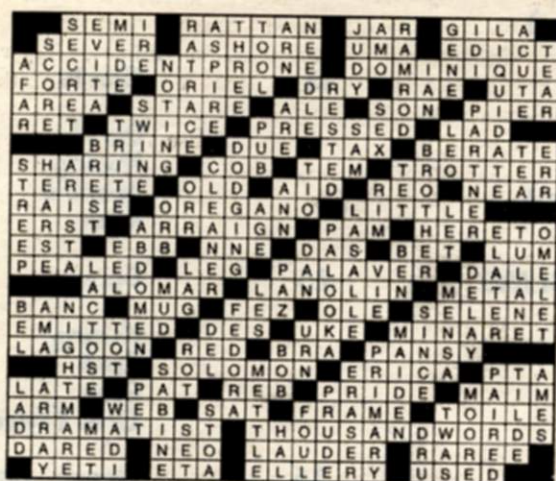
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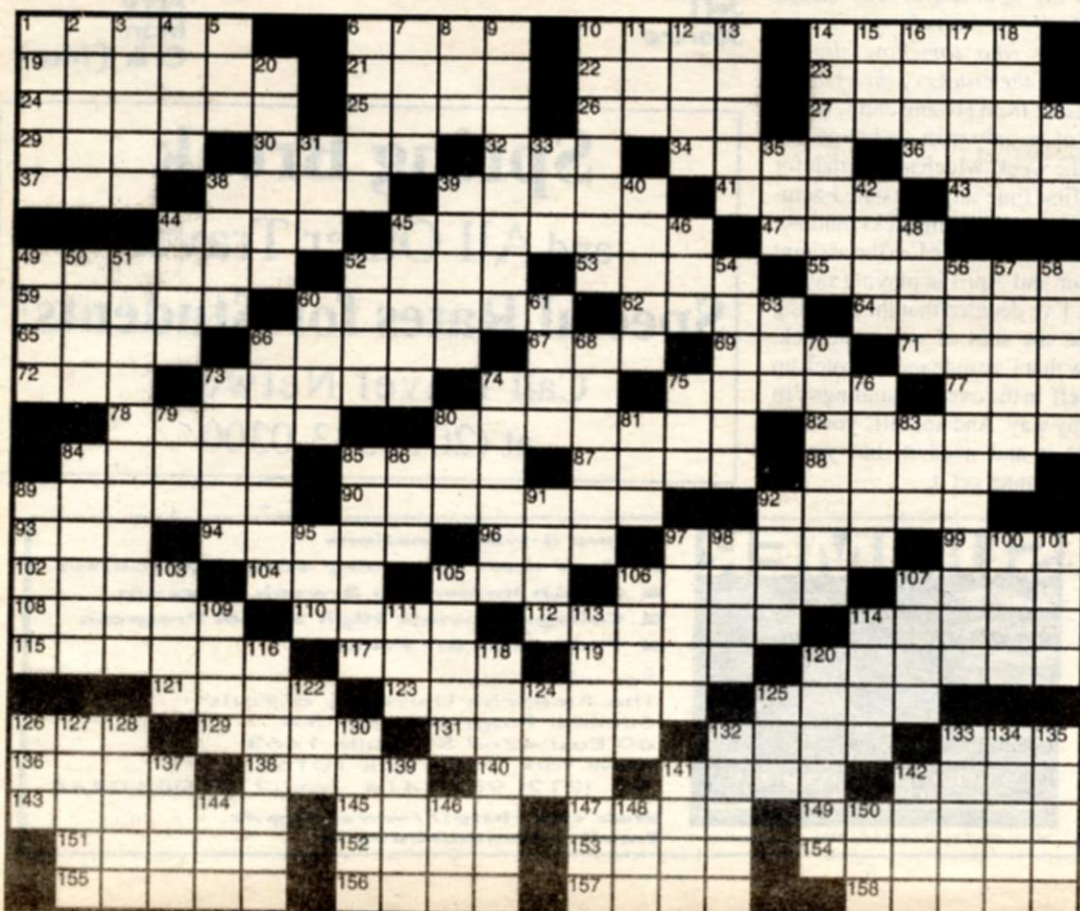
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("Superman")
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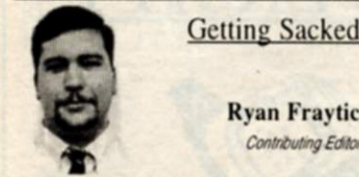
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This week's Crossword:



Ryan absolutely loses it; nothing is safe anymore

Thanks to a great birthday gift from a good friend of mine, I got to see the Flyers-Rangers game Wednesday night. For those who don't know, the Flyers won 2-1,



Getting Sacked

Ryan Fraytic
Contributing Editor

but the most exciting part of the game occurred during the first intermission when the Lil' Rangers took on the Ramapo Chiefs. They ended in a 0-0 tie but had more intensity than their professional counterparts, and I think they may have even checked better.

Both teams, who expected to contend for the division, looked bad. They lagged on the ice and just didn't seem to want to play hockey. Neither team checked particularly hard, neither skated with any intensity and, with the exception of a few rare energetic moments, this game was nothing more than figure skating. There were no fights, no hard hits, just a bunch of pansies, some very overpaid, skating around on the ice with their heads up ... oh well.

If either team is to contend, they have to get it going. The Rangers are 6-10-4, I believe, and now start a six-game roadtrip. Unless Christ himself comes and plays with the

Rangers, look for Head Coach Colin Campbell to be gone by the next homestand.

The team has too much potential and talent to be doing this poorly. And even though he doesn't skate a minute on the ice, it's the head coach's job to put it all together and he hasn't done that.

The Flyers have been plagued by injuries, especially superstar center Eric Lindros. He skated with the team Wednesday and might even play tomorrow.

That could be the spark the team needs to get going. The Flyers are not quite in the dire straits the Rangers are, but they should be doing better. They should be scoring more, and they should play a more punishing defense.

In the long run, look for future matchups between these two teams to become more intense. The pressure is on, and both teams must perform.

Flyers General Manager, Bobby Clarke, guaranteed them a Stanley Cup in four years. That was four years ago. This team will not win the cup. The Rangers spent more money on two players, Messier

and Gretsky, than the money all the nations of Africa combined, and look at their record. The fans have a right to be mad.



What exactly happened in the NFL this weekend? It was crazy, and it just goes to show why teams play hard every game. The Bucs won, the Cardinals beat the Redskins, Dallas beat the Niners and the Jets Oh wait, no, they still lost, but only after being spotted 21 points by the Patriots.

I have said it before, and I will say it again: the NFL is one big, honking vat of mediocrity, and, on any given day, anybody can

beat anybody. The Skins are pretenders; I think that has become clear. Following in their pretender footsteps are the Vikings, the Lions (is Wayne Fontes still their coach?) and the Colts.

Dallas got lucky out at Candlestick Park. If Young doesn't go down, the Niners win that game. Dallas should be concerned. Teams aren't intimidated by them, and they shouldn't be. It's a long shot for Dallas to win anything, and if they don't come home with Lombardi's trophy, their despicable Head Coach Barry Switzer is gone.

Speaking of the Niners, did everyone hear what the mayor of San Francisco said about Elvis Grbac, the Niners' backup? He called him "an embarrassment to humankind."

Why? Because he threw a costly interception late in the game. Also important in the fray is something the mayor did not know when he issued those comments: Grbac's son suffers from spina bifida and just underwent surgery. Grbac admitted himself that he probably wasn't mentally focused on the

game. I can't blame him. Football is important, but family must come first.

As for the mayor: keep your damned mouth shut. You yourself are the embarrassment, and I hope your city proves it to you come election time.

The Chiefs beat Green Bay. They won a big game. There, I ate my words. Happy? It was an aberration, that is all. The Chiefs won't win when it really matters (in the AFC Championship game against Denver).

Green Bay looked bad though. For more information on my opinions about mediocrity in the league, please refer to one of the earlier sections of this column. (Why the hell haven't you read it already?)

Finally, there is a huge game this week to see if the resurgent Patriots, winners of seven of their last eight, are for real. They square off against the Broncos.

Look for a high-scoring affair, but you have to give the nod to the Broncos. A solid defensive unit, considerably better than that of the Patriots, will win the game. The Patriots' offense is very good, but so is Denver's. Defense will win this one, but it should be exciting and fun to watch. Oh wait, we get the Jets.

NFL Standings

American Football Conference

Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Buffalo	7	3	0	.700	191	175
New England	7	3	0	.700	275	215
Indianapolis	5	5	0	.500	172	208
Miami	5	5	0	.500	238	205
Jets	1	9	0	.100	172	264

Central Division

Pittsburgh	7	3	0	.700	230	160
Houston	6	4	0	.600	230	190
Cincinnati	4	6	0	.400	214	226
Jacksonville	4	6	0	.400	202	208
Baltimore	3	7	0	.300	244	286

Western Division

Denver	9	1	0	.900	262	167
Kansas City	7	3	0	.700	206	168
San Diego	6	4	0	.600	225	249
Seattle	5	5	0	.500	206	239
Oakland	4	6	0	.400	217	190

National Football Conference

Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Philadelphia	7	3	0	.700	228	203
Washington	7	3	0	.700	239	190
Dallas	6	4	0	.600	206	165
Arizona	4	6	0	.400	164	238
Giants	4	6	0	.400	157	189

Central Division

Green Bay	8	2	0	.800	288	144
Minnesota	5	5	0	.500	169	194
Detroit	4	6	0	.400	144	192
Chicago	4	6	0	.400	144	192
Tampa Bay	2	8	0	.200	115	195

Western Division

San Francisco	7	3	0	.700	234	152
Carolina	6	4	0	.600	217	148
St. Louis	3	7	0	.300	201	280
New Orleans	2	8	0	.200	152	235
Atlanta	1	9	0	.100	176	303

Football Picks: Week Ten

	W	L	Total
Derek	2	2	21-15
Erik	2	2	20-16
Ryan	2	2	20-16
April	2	2	16-20
Jearine	2	2	14-22
Hwang	1	3	18-18
Jeff	1	3	14-22

Okay, let me just say this: I refuse to be classified in the same category as Jeff. I shall return! Tyler, you think you're hot stuff? You're just lucky, punk! You couldn't pick your way out of traffic! You're going down! You're going down! You're

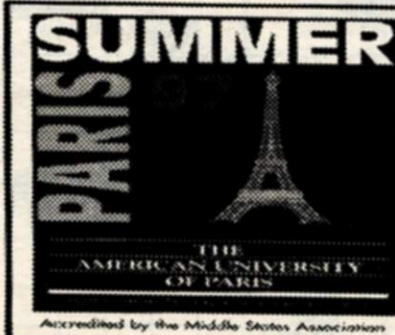
Editor's note: we apologize for Hwang's unfortunate and brutal outburst. We have managed to restrain him and have requested that the doctors increase the strength of his prescription.

Please note that Hwang's opinions in no way, shape or form reflect the opinions of The Acorn staff. He is merely an insane lunatic who somehow slipped through the cracks of the system.

Aside from Hwang and Jeff, the rest of us only managed to go 2-2 for the week, which means that for the first time all semester, I actually get to write the picks, and no, it's not just because I'm the assistant editor and April is playing favorites. I've decided that this is going to be the start of my comeback. Now that I've managed to catch up to Jeff in the overall standings I'm on my way. And no, Jeff, you may want it and need it, but you're never gonna get it.

PHILADELPHIA	5.5	Washington
Derek		Jeff
Hwang		April
Jearine		
Ryan		
Erik (Tyler)		
ARIZONA	1.5	Giants
Jeff		Derek
April		Hwang
Erik (Tyler)		Jearine
		Ryan
NEW ENGLAND	2.5	Denver
Derek		Hwang
Jearine		April
Jeff		Ryan
		Erik (Tyler)
DALLAS	3.5	Green Bay
Derek		Hwang
Jeff		April
Jearine		Ryan
		Erik (Tyler)

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Kragh tough on and off the court

Senior co-captain Erin Kragh has been playing tennis competitively since she was a freshman in high school, and last week she ended her four-year career at Drew

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by competing in the Middle Atlantic Conference Individual Championships in doubles.

With twice as many wins as losses (34-17 career record) in singles play, Kragh contributed to the tennis team's success over the past four years, including its number two finish in the MAC both last year and this year.

Kragh's performance on the court has been stellar in doubles competition as well with the opportunity to play in the MAC Individual Championship in doubles, wrapping up an already brilliant year individually and for the team.

Kragh and freshman Lauren Morello played at the MACs and advanced to the semifinals where they were defeated in two sets by a duo from Messiah College.

Morello particularly noted the first-round of the MACs when she and Kragh faced a Moravian team which had just defeated Drew only a week earlier in the MAC Team Championships. They lost the first set 6-2. Morello remembers being discouraged, but she said Kragh talked her back into it and the pair beat Moravian 1-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Senior co-captain Miran Yoon, who played doubles with Kragh at their last home match versus

Caldwell College, respects Kragh's style of play and leadership. She said Kragh brought confidence to the team through wins and was a very tough player. Also, according to Yoon, Kragh developed and used



JASON BONO

Kragh has become a team player.

her style of play to the best of her ability over the past four years.

Also noteworthy is Kragh's attitude towards team competition. Morello calls her "a real team player," while Yoon pointed out Kragh's steady assurance and ability to tell what type of support her teammates needed.

Not surprisingly, it is the team aspect that Kragh said she will miss most. In high school Kragh played a lot of individual sports, and her tennis team was very competitive. While she was prepared

for the level of college competition, she noted the difference in college play. "[At Drew] I learned how to be a doubles player and a team player," Kragh said.

Looking at her career record in doubles, 38-14, it is surprising that she needed to learn doubles. "She hated doubles freshman year," Yoon said. "Now she loves it and can't wait to get on the court." In fact, Kragh pointed to her trip to the MAC semifinals in doubles with Morello as the highlight of her career at Drew.

When asked what her contribution was to the team, Kragh said she was the stability the team needed this year. She wants to be remembered as a solid member of the team, one who made a difference.

As for Coach Tracy Zawaki, Kragh said, "She taught me how to use my talent and gave me confidence in myself and my style of play and that I could be a doubles player."

Drew was not the only place Kragh played tennis. For the past few summers she has taught tennis at a resort in New York. Although her competitive days may be over, Kragh noted that it only takes one other person in order to have a game, so she plans to continue to play.

Fans will also see her this spring when the team will be on the courts again for an abbreviated season.

—April Adams

Hard work pays off

Senior Andy Yenawine fell a little out of step in his soccer career at Drew when he decided to transfer to the University of Connecticut after his sophomore year. However, Yenawine

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returned to Drew this past spring and was back on the field on the varsity men's soccer squad contributing to the success of the team.

Yenawine, who did not start playing soccer until he was in high school, was concerned about returning to the team after his absence. "I was apprehensive about returning to soccer after a year off, but it's been great. I'm playing better soccer and having more fun doing it," Yenawine said. "This season has helped me to develop a love for the game again."

With the loss of quite a few seniors last year, the team was searching for leadership. In this way and others the Rangers have benefited from his return.

"The team missed him last year," Coach Lenny Armuth said. As one of only four seniors on the men's soccer team, Armuth believes that Yenawine brings maturity to the young team. "He has a very good work ethic, trains hard and is very competitive on the field," Armuth said. This work has paid off. During his years at Drew, Yenawine racked up 13 career points from five goals and three assists.

As for the high point of his career, Yenawine points to the first

home game of this season. "Being announced [during the opening of the game] the first night made me feel like a freshman all over again. It was very exciting," Yenawine



JASON BONO

Yenawine's maturity will be missed.

said. In May, Yenawine will graduate with a degree in behavioral science and hopes to attend graduate school. Ultimately he hopes to go into physical therapy as a career.

Yenawine hopes soccer will also be a part of his future. After this season he plans to continue playing soccer recreationally for as long as possible and would like to coach on the high school or college level.

—Jeanine Columbo

Cross country competes in final race

Matt Christian

Staff Writer

The Drew cross country team ran their final race of the season Nov. 9, at Dickinson College in the Mid East Regional. The women's team placed 34 out of 38 teams, and the men ended in the middle of the pack at 19 out of 38. Coach Joe Dugantzic commented that "it wasn't a bad way to end the season."

The women ran a good race, and their times were as follows: freshman Hiroko Nagumo at 22:15, sophomores Alice Chu at 23:04, Maura DiFilippo at 23:52, sophomore co-captain Allison Accettola at 24:00, and junior co-captain Kate Cyr rounding it out at 25:27.

"Our times were good, especially when compared to last year when we always seemed to be in last place," Accettola said. "This year we have improved quite a bit since our home meet, and we are looking forward to a strong recruitment over the summer."

Looking back over the women's season, injuries really affected their success. DiFilippo fell to injury midway through the season and, at the end of the season, Accettola's ankle was in a day-by-day condition.

Injuries often affect any team, but when the team has only the minimum five members needed to run, injuries can have drastic effects. The team needs to get a few more runners to even out the

field, and of course a strong leading runner would help advance their scores.

For the men, the top five finishers were freshmen Kevin Purcell at 28:10 and Ed Juarez at 28:30, junior Rob Davis at 29:05, freshman Chris Zuck at 29:08 and junior Eric Wolf cruising in at 29:50 over the five mile course. Of these men, Juarez and Zuck broke their personal best times. Oddly enough, Juarez was a little dissatisfied. He had hoped to shatter his record, but only beat it by a few seconds. With such a strong desire to excel, he should be one to watch for next year.

When asked about the race, Purcell felt the course terrain was fairly easy. With only one hill, he hoped to break into the 27 minute

Upcoming Ranger home meet Saturday, Nov. 16 Swimming vs. Misericordia @ 1p.m.

range or even into the 26s. However, he said, "I got out really fast at the start and was with the top 10 runners for about a mile. Then I just lost steam and fell back."

Overall, both teams are shaping up to be very good next year. The

women's team is not losing any runners, and the men's team is only losing two. Both teams are looking for a strong front runner to break into a leading position during the races to help the rest of the pack advance.

Swimmers

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Kenworthy (25.55) and Robles (27.50) sprinted to the wall for a one-two finish in the 50-yard freestyle.

In the process Kenworthy broke the first team record of the season. She also later placed first in the 200-yard butterfly with a time of 2:16.77. Also in that event LoScalzo (2:43.84) and Laverne (2:46.44) went two-three. The 200-yard individual medley saw a sweep for the Rangers, with Robles (2:32.72), Nelson (2:37.57) and Hennessy (2:39.15). McNevin (1:01.61) joined Hennessy (1:06.62) to touch two-three in the 100-yard freestyle event, and Nelson later placed third in the 200-yard breaststroke (2:54.32). Manges topped the competition in the 500-yard freestyle (5:44.35).

The men started off the day with junior co-captain Casey O'Donnell, sophomores Tim Lawlor and Alex Duncan and senior co-captain A.J. Zenkert winning the 400-yard medley relay (4:01.15). O'Donnell went on to win the 1,000-yard freestyle (11:07.31), with freshman Joe DeSantis picking up second place (11:46.30). Lawlor (1:53.34), freshman Sean Kelley (2:00.80) and Zenkert (2:03.13) then swept the 200-yard freestyle. Freshmen Mike Fishbein and Steve Ewell

touched two-three in the 50-yard freestyle with times of 25.61 and 26.53 respectively.

The Rangers swept the following two events, which were the 200-yard individual medley and the 200-yard butterfly. Duncan (2:13.36) and sophomores J.W. Gorman (2:21.21) and Mark Johnson (2:26.34) raced first, succeeded by O'Donnell (2:14.63), Fishbein (2:32.76) and freshman Lenny Grant (2:50.83) who swam the fly. Duncan later placed second in the 200-yard backstroke, with Gorman placing a close third with a time of 2:21.55. Gorman was also chosen as swimmer of the meet for the men's team.

Kelley (56.68) and DeSantis (57.74) sprinted in one-three in the 100-yard freestyle. Ewell (5:53.85) and Zenkert (5:57.90) went one-two in the 500-yard freestyle. Lawlor (2:26.22), Johnson (2:37.38) and freshman Sean Roberts (2:50.09) finished off the day racing each other in the 200-yard breaststroke.

After Wednesday's competition, the women have a record of 3-1, while the men are 1-2. This past week has been a practice ground for the rest of the season. "The next few meets before Christmas break are going to be really close. They are going to be won or lost at the walls, everything is going to depend on how we finish races," Lawlor explained. The Rangers will be swimming against the College of Misericordia this Saturday at 1p.m.



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The Rangers' fall sports draw to a close this week as each sport finishes with tournaments galore.

The men's soccer team earned a berth in the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Tournament. They are ranked number two behind Kean College. The other schools participating are Ramapo College (#3), University of Rutgers—Newark (#4), U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at King's Point (#5) and Vassar College (#6).

Tomorrow the Rangers host Ramapo College at 1 p.m. If they win tomorrow, the team will play for the ECAC Championship Sunday at 1 p.m. If they are the higher ranked team the game will be at Drew. Otherwise the team will travel to Kean College.

In other action, the women's soccer team finished their season with its first-ever ECAC bid. The team won their semifinal game 2-0 only to lose in the finals 4-0 to Rochester Polytechnic Institute.

The cross country team completed its season with three

weeks of tournament competition. First they ran a meet for the Middle Atlantic Conference, then they traveled to ECACs and, last weekend, the team competed at the NCAA Mid-east Regionals held at Dickinson College.

Next, the women's tennis team finished with an 11-5 record. Freshman Brecken Durham won the MAC Singles Tournament; she was the first freshman ever to do so, and the first Ranger to win since Sharon Cohen (CLA '93) did it three years ago.

Finally, the field hockey team concluded its season 10-8 overall. Senior Chandy Lynch, who led the team in scoring this season with 18 goals and 4 assists and consistently led the state of New Jersey in scoring, will be playing in the North/South All-Star Game Saturday, Nov. 23 at Boston College.

Congratulations to all of the fall sports teams on their successes, achievements and tremendous efforts.

—April Adams

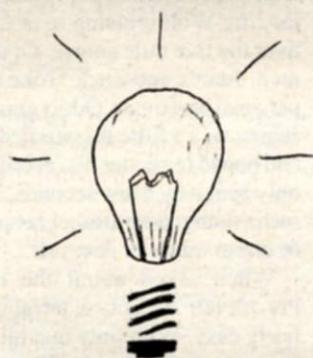


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Doll selfless athlete, leader

Senior Meredith Doll began her Drew soccer career more than three years ago. Her freshman year the Rangers were 10-9. This season the Rangers finished at 17-5 with a MAC Freedom League championship and an ECAC playoff appearance. The talented senior has had much to do with the team's progress during her four seasons with the Rangers.

Earlier this year, Doll became the leading scorer in Drew women's soccer history. Her 64 career goals are the most by any Ranger woman ever and made her MAC Player of the Week. "Breaking the record was a personal high point of the season," she said. "It was really exciting, although it consumed me for a while."

Scoring goals this season proved especially challenging for Doll. She was consistently marked and watched tightly by other teams. "She was always the player that the other teams watched out for as far as scoring goals," Coach Christa Aloutto said. "The fact that she was still our leading scorer this year says a lot."

Even with all her personal triumphs, the senior from Chatham, NJ, never lost sight of the team's goals. "The highlight of the season was being 17-5," Doll said. "It was

ways concerned about us performing well as a team, not just with herself. Her experience and leadership qualities were really important to the team," she said.

Soccer is not the only sport Doll participates in. She also plays basketball and lacrosse. Once these seasons are over, Doll will graduate with a major in psychology and either a major or minor in sociology. After graduation, she plans to attend graduate school at the University of Pennsylvania. She hopes to go into social work and work with the elderly.

Doll says that the best thing about playing Drew soccer is "the relationships I've built with people on the team. That's always important to me." She also has strong, favorable predictions for the women's soccer team. "In a few years the team will be a force to be reckoned with, even more so than this year," she said. "I'm sure that one day I will be able to brag to people that I played Drew soccer." Drew will certainly be able to brag about once having such a fabulous soccer player in Meredith Doll.

—Gary Anderson



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Doll finishes fabulous career.

our best season, and I'm more concerned about how the team does than with myself. If you were to have asked us before the season how many games we would win, I don't think anyone would have said 17. We worked really hard." Aloutto agreed. "[Doll] is al-

Equestrian, USMA tie for first

Jamie Hayman
Staff Writer

Coming off their two best shows of the year (two second place finishes), the only thing the Drew equestrian team could do to improve would be to win a show. That is exactly what happened last Saturday at Briarwood Farm.

The Ranger riders came up with an impressive performance, tying the United States Military Academy for first place. The first place finish was the first for the team in over a year.

Despite the fact that many of Drew's riders did not make the trip for this particular show, the riders who were there were impressive.

Leading the way for Drew were junior Meghan Borges and sophomore Laura Cihocki. Both of them placed first in their respective jumping classes and third in their flat classes.

"Meghan [who is in her first semester after transferring from Vassar College], has shown great improvement just though the course of the semester," senior tri-captain Maren Henry said.

Freshman Maria Garrison placed first in her flat class, as did senior Steve Scansaroli. For Scansaroli it was his second win in as many shows. "Steve has come a long way," explained Henry. "He had never ridden before he came to Drew, and now he is riding very well."

Also finishing with strong performances were freshmen Katie Chase and Alexis Brown, junior tri-captain Jen Wollenberg and sophomore Marina Espinosa.

The individual achievements continued for Drew's riders. With her fourth place finish in fences, junior Danielle Pagnuzzi joined teammates juniors Sara Bray and Sharon Recker, freshman Jen Pottle and Cihocki in qualifying for regionals in the spring.

The Rangers are currently third place in the region (out of 15 teams) and off to their best start since 1989-1990 when they finished Reserve Champion (second place) in the region. With one show to go this fall and the entire spring season remaining, Drew is in position to overtake Centenary College and Pace University, the two teams ahead of them.

There is also plenty of room for individual advancement. There are four more riders who are in position to advance to next spring's regionals with top six finishes next weekend as well as a total of 19 riders who could make zonals in the spring. With all this and a strong, solid leadership core, the equestrian team is poised for a memorable finish.

Ranger of the Week Alissa Drasch

"I think assists are just as important as goals," junior co-captain Heather Hemmer said. If this is true then junior Allisa Drasch is one of the most valuable members of this year's women's soccer team.

Drasch had 12 assists and added six



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Drasch led team to ECAC finals.

goals this season. She was also one of six players that started all 22 games for a Drew team that finished the regular season at 15-3, en route to winning the Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom Division Championship. The team lost in the MAC finals to Elizabethtown College and won their semi-final ECAC game against SUNY Oswego before falling in the ECAC finals to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

In the ECAC semi-final Drasch scored both of Drew's goals, leading the Rangers to a 2-0 win. This was just the cap to a season that went beyond anyone's expectations.

Her 12 assists were a Ranger season record, as are her 24 career assists. She was second in points on a team that scored 54 goals this season. She will enter next season with more career points than anyone else on Drew's women's soccer team. Yet none of this is as important to her as the team's success.

When asked to name the highlight of her season, she did not hesitate to say that it was the regular season finale against Kean College. "We beat a team [2-1] that we really should not have beat. Everyone played like a real team. We all wanted to do it for each other," she said.

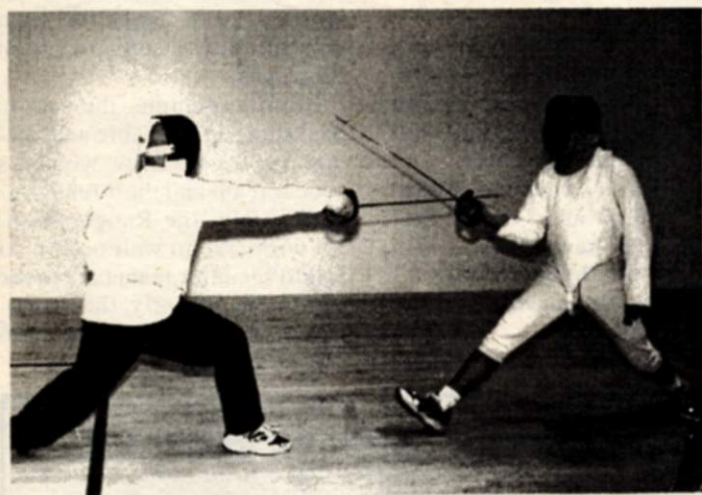
This season started with high expectations for Drasch. "We wanted to do better than last year. We all knew we could do it ever since that first win."

She will enter next year as a senior leader who came off a record year on a team that won its conference and was on the brink of a NCAA tournament berth. Despite all the success this year, Drasch still sees plenty of room for improvement. "I want to show next year's team what it is like to play for a winning team."

Next season she will undoubtedly add to her career record. Other teams will be watching out for Drew on their schedule. But with strong leadership and a good recruiting class, there is plenty of hope that Drasch can accomplish both her personal goal and her team goal: "to make the NCAA tournament."

—Jamie Hayman

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Alexis Brown	3rd	4th
Katie Chase	2nd	2nd
Laura Cihocki	3rd	1st
Marina Espinosa	2nd	
Maria Garrison	1st	1st
Maren Henry	5th	4th
Danielle Pagnuzzi		4th
Jenn Pottle	5th	
Jen Reed	6th	
Steve Scansaroli	1st	
Tiffany Smith	3rd	
Jen Wollenberg	4th	3rd
Sandra Sayre (Alumni)	1st	4th

Drew, USMA placed first this past weekend

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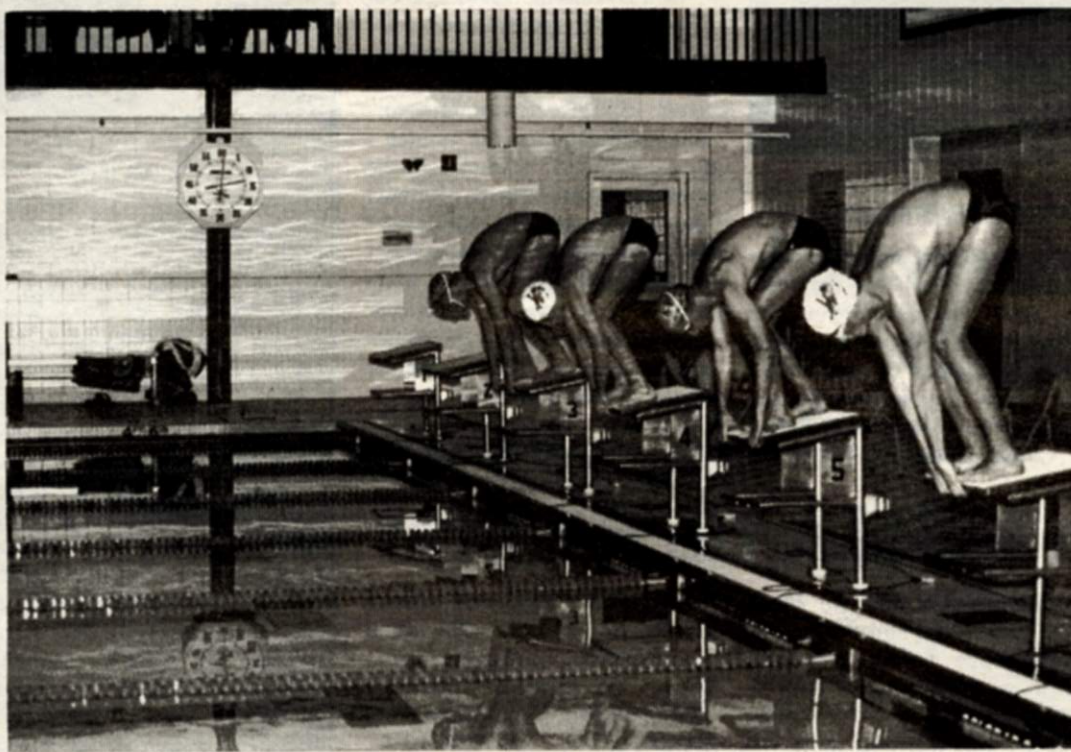
The women's swimming team went to Juniata College this past Saturday and came home with a victory. The men had a day off since Juniata does not have a men's swim team. The final results of the meet were 126-75.

The foursome of senior co-captain Kirsten Reid, freshmen Elaine Byrne and Katie Lynch and sophomore co-captain Lauren Kenworthy, began the day with a win in the 200-yard medley relay (2:15.13).

The team of freshman Rebecca Perkins and sophomores Cynthia Nelson, Shiloh Robles and Sarah Kane placed second with a time of 2:27.62. The first individual event, the 800-yard freestyle, had Perkins (11:01.53) and freshman Allison Medina (12:21.72) go one-two. Perkins later placed second in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:19.43.

In the 200-yard freestyle, Byrne won the race (2:31.12) with sophomore Kerry Hennessy placing second (2:37.78). The 50-yard freestyle saw sprinters freshman Heather McNevin and Nelson touch one-two, with times of 31.72 and 32.21 respectively. In the 200-yard individual medley Lynch (2:53.04) and Reid (3:02.16) went two-three.

Sophomore Maryellen Manges



STACEY GARZA

The Rangers have been quick off the starting blocks this season leading to impressive victories.

won the 400-yard freestyle with a time of 5:15.34. She also joined sophomore Desiree LoScalzo in finishing two-three in the 100-yard butterfly with times of 1:22.15 and 1:24.56 respectively. LoScalzo also touched third in the 100-yard backstroke (1:22.47). Robles (1:07.56) and sophomore Dawn Lavender (1:15.06) placed one-two in the

100-yard freestyle.

Hennessy closed out the individual events with a third place finish in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:47.05). In the final event, Lynch, Robles, Byrne and Lavender won the 200-yard freestyle relay with a time of 2:07.25.

Freshman Julia Kimball was named swimmer of the meet. She

had several excellent swims with a second place finish in the 400-yard freestyle and a fourth place finish in the 50-yard freestyle. Coach Patrick Mead explained that Kimball has been working very hard in practice. She raced every time she entered the water, which is exactly what Mead asked the team to focus on this season.

Wednesday King's College traveled here to compete. Both the men's and women's teams for Drew won easily. The final results for the men and women were 81-38 and 88-55, respectively. The scores do not reflect the fact that King's swam with six women and two men; however, Drew swam the last five events in exhibition. Therefore, the Rangers swam the races but did not receive any points for the wins. Swimming in exhibition is a common courtesy amongst swim teams, ensuring the score remains respectable.

The women started out with a one-two finish in the 400-yard medley relay. Reid, Kenworthy, Manges and McNevin won with a time of 4:39.52 and LoScalzo, freshman Nicole Olsen, Robles and Nelson placed second (4:47.89). Reid (12:33.37) and Byrne (12:48.95) placed one-two in the 1,000-yard freestyle. Reid later won the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 2:30.23 and Byrne finished first in the 200-yard breaststroke (2:47.13). Reid was also named swimmer of the meet due to her strong swims.

Lynch (2:09.84) and Perkins (2:14.60) touched one-three in the 200-yard freestyle. Lynch continued with a second place finish in the 500-yard freestyle (6:00.89) while Perkins placed second in the 200-yard backstroke (2:31.57).

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Rangers' historic season; second place finish

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This has been a season of firsts for the Drew women's soccer team. The Rangers won their first ever Mid-Atlantic Conference (MAC) Freedom League championship and gained the only Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) tournament berth in team history.

Last weekend, they entered the ECAC semifinals, hoping to win a place in the final and the chance to achieve another Drew first: an ECAC championship.

SUNY Oswego, with their victory over the College of Notre Dame, earned a shot at the second-seeded Rangers Saturday. The Rangers were prepared. Their always-tough defense and productive counterattacks proved too much for Oswego to handle.

Junior Alissa Drasch scored twice, giving the Rangers a 2-0 win and a spot in the championship match. In blanking the Oswego offense, sophomore Keilena Johnson registered her 11th shutout of the season.

Drew faced the home team and first seed Rochester Polytechnic Institute Sunday. RPI showed why they were the fa-

vorites in the tournament, shutting down the Rangers' attack and eventually winning 4-0. Although shut out for the third time this season, the Rangers seemed happy with their play throughout the tournament.

"I think we played very well," Coach Christa Aloutto said. "On Sunday we played better in the second half, but we played well overall."

The loss ended the Rangers' season at 17-5, the best record in Drew history. Also record-breaking are the 11 shutouts by Johnson and the Ranger defense.

Earlier this year, senior

Meredith Doll broke the career goal scoring record and Drasch now owns the career assist record with 24. Drasch's 12 assists this season are also a record. The team's first Freedom League championship and appearance in the ECAC final also set this season apart from those past.

From any angle, the season has been a memorable and special one for the Drew women's soccer team and their fans. Unfortunately, the Ranger faithful will have to wait until next fall to see their team take to the turf again. Happily, the memories of a record-breaking 1996 season remain.



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The Rangers' experience their best season ever with a record of 17-5.

Womens' Soccer Records

Season record: 17-5

Career goals: Meredith Doll with 64

Career assists: Alissa Drasch with 24

Season assists: Alissa Drasch with 12

Season shutouts: Keilena Johnson with 11

First-ever MAC Freedom League Championship and ECAC tournament appearance